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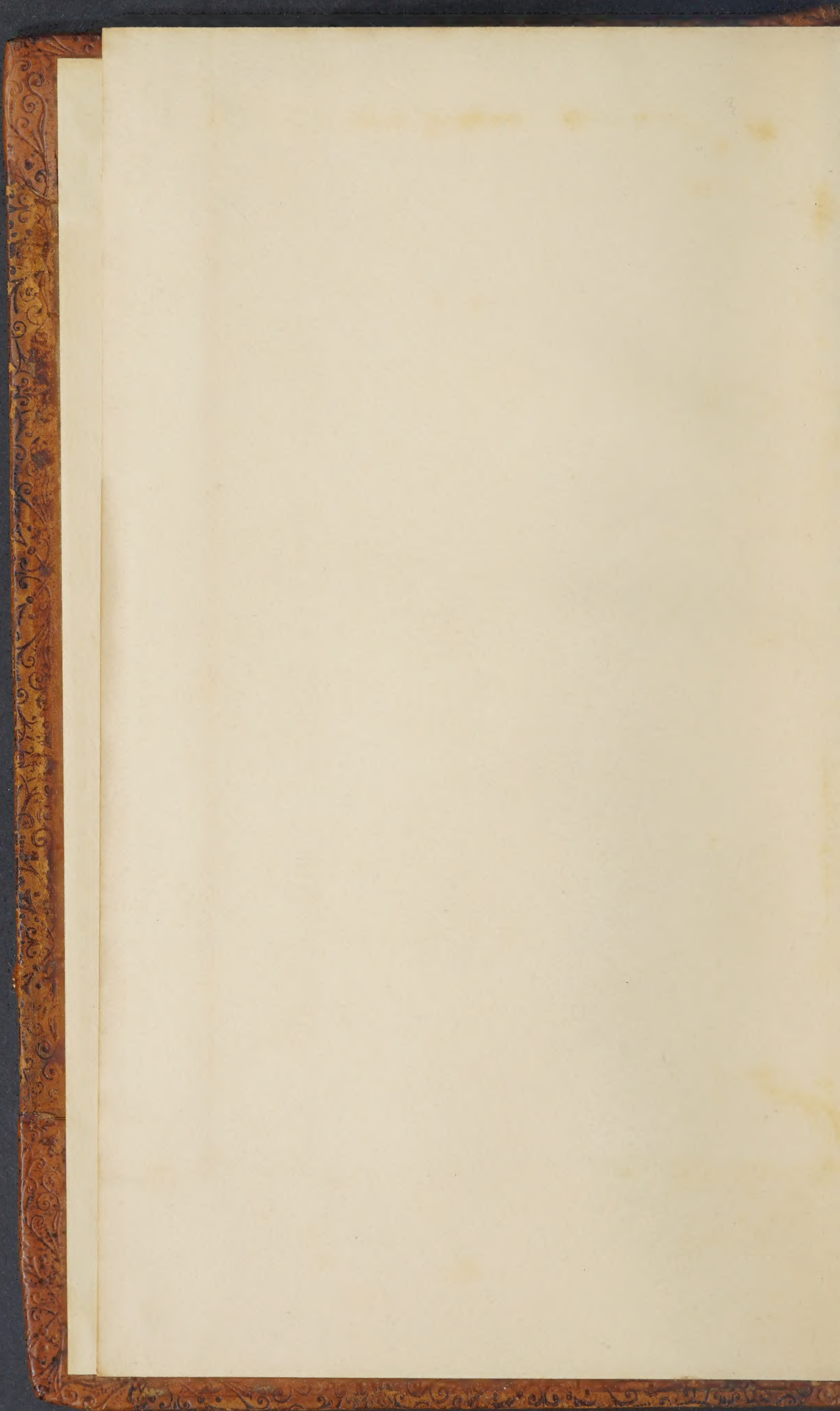
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The South East Prospect of St. Mary's Church in WARWICK.

B. Cole Sculp.

A
L E T T E R:

W H E A R I N,

Part of the ENTERTAINMENT untoo the

QUEENZ MAJESTY,

A T

Killingwoorth Castl in Warwick Sheer,

I N T H I S

Soomerz Progreß 1575,

I Z S I G N I F I E D:

From a freend Officer attendant in the
Coourt, unto his freend a *Citizen* and
Merchaunt of L O N D O N.

De Reginâ nostrâ illustrissimâ.

Dum laniatâ ruant vicina ah regna tumultu,

Læta, suos inter, genia libus ILLA diebus

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Untoo my good freend, Master
Humfrey Martin, MERCER.

AFTER my hartie commendations,
I commend me hartily too yoo.
Understande yee, that sins through
God and good freends, I am placed at
Coourt heer (as ye wot) in a woorshipfull
room: Whearby I am not onlie acquaint-
ed with the most, and well knoen to the best,
and every Officer glad of my Company: But
also have poour, adayz (while the Councell
fits not) to go and too see things sight wor-
thy; and too bee prezent at any Sheaw or
Spectacl, only whear this Progresse repre-
sented unto her Highness: And of part of
which Sportez, having takin sum notez and
observationz (for I cannot bee Idl at ony
hand in the World) az well to put fro me
suspition of Sluggardy, az too pluk from yoo
doout of ony my forgetfulness of Freendship:
I have thought it meet to impart them unto
yoo, as frankly, az freendly, and az fully as

I can: Well wot yee the blak Prins waz never stained with disloyaltee of ingratitude towarde ony, I dare be his warrant hee will not beginee with yoo that hath at his hand so deeply dezerved. But heerin the better for conceyving of my minde and instruction of yours, ye must gyve mee leave a littl, az well to preface untoo my matter, as to discoors sumwhat of *Killyngwoorth Castl.* A territory of the right honorabl, my singlar good Lord, my Lord the Earl of *Leyceter*: of whooz incomparabl cherrying and enterteynment thear, untoo her *Majesty* noow, I will shew yoo a part heer that could not see all; nor had I seen all, could well report the halff. Whear Thynges for the Parsons, for the Place, time, Cost, devisez, straungnes, and Aboundauns of all that ever I sawe (and yet have I been, what under my *Master Bomsted*, and what on my own affayres, whyle I occupied Merchaundize, both in *Fraunce* and *Flaunders* long and many a day,) I saw none ony where so memorabl, I tell you plain.

*Killingwoorth
Castl.*

The *Castl* hath name of *Killingwoorth*, but of truth grounded upon feythful Storie *Kenelwoorth*: It stonds in *Warwykshyre*, a

lxxiiii myle north-west from *London*, and az it were in the Navel of *England*, foure myle sumwhat South from *Coventree* a proper Cittee, and a lyke distaunce from *Warwyk*, a fayre Sheere toun on the North: In Ayr sweet and hollsum, raised on an eazy mounted hill, iz sette eevenlie coasted with the froont straight intoo the East, hath the Tenaunts and Tooun about it, that pleasantly shifts from dale too Hyll sundry whear wyth sweet Springs bursting foorth: And iz so plentifulle well sorted on every side intoo Arabl, Meads, Pasture, Wood, Water, and good Ayrz, az it appeerz to have need of nothing that may perteyn too living or pleasure. Too avauntage hath it, hard on the West, still nourisht with many lively Springs, a goodly Pool of rare beauty, bredth, length, deapth, & store of all kinde fresh water fish, delicat, great and fat, and also of wild fooul byside. By a rare situation & natural amitee seemz this Pool conjoynd to the *Castlz* that on the West layz the head az it wear upon the *Castlz* boosom, embraceth it on either side Soouth and North with both the Arms; settlz it self az in a reach a slight shoot brode, stretching foorth body and legs a myle or too West-ward: Be-

tween a fayre Park on the one side, which by the Brayz is linked too the *Castl* on the South, sprinckled at the entraunce with a feaw Coonyez, that for colour and smallnes of number, seem to be suffered more for pleasure than commoditee: And on the oother side, North & West, agoodlie chafe: Wast, wyde, large, and full of red Deer and oother stately Gamez for hunting: Beautified with many delectabl fresh and umbragioous boowz, Arberz, Seatz, and Walks, that with great Art, Cost, & diligens wear very pleasauntlie appointed: Which also the natural grace by the tall and fresh fragrant treez and foil, did so far soorth commend, az *Diana* her-self myght have deyned thear well enough too raunge for her Pastime.

The leaft Arm of this Pool North-ward had my Lorde adoourned with a beautifull bracelet of a fayre tymbred bridge, that iz of xiiii foot wide, and a six hundred foot long; railed all on both sidez, strongly planked for passage, reaching from the Chase too the *Castl*: That thus in the midst hath clear prospect over theez pleasures on the back part; and forward over all the Toun, and mooch of the Countree beside.

Heertoo

Heertoo, a speciall commoditee at hand
 of fundrie quarriez of large building stone,
 the goodnes whearof may the eazlyar be
 judged, in the building and auntienty of the
Castl; that (az by the name and hystories,
 well may be gathered) waz first reared by
Kenulph, and his young Sun *Kenelm*: born
 both indeed within the Ream heer, but yet
 of the race of *Saxons*: And reigned Kings
 of *Marchlond* from the year of our Lord
 798, too 23 yeez toogyther, above 770
 yeer ago. Altho' the *Castl* hath one Auncient
 strong and large Keep that iz called *Ceazarz*
Tour, rather (az I have good cauz to think)
 for that it iz square and high, foormed after
 the maner of *Ceazarz Fortz* then that ever he
 bylt it. Nay noow I am a littl in *Master*
Martin ile tell you all.

Florilege
 fol. 221, & 224

Guil. Malmesb.
 lib. I.

This *Marchlond* that storyes call *Mercia*,
 iz numbred in their Bookes the foorth of
 the seaven Kingdomes that the *Saxons* had
 whilom heer divided among them in the
 Ream: Began in *Anno Dom.* 616, one
 hundred and thirtie nine yeer after *Horfins*
 and *Hengist*; continued in the race of 17
 Kings, 249 yeers togyther, and ended in
Ann. 875. Reyzed from the rest, (sayz the
 book)

Merica.

book) at first by *Penda's* presumption: overthrow at last by *Buthred's* Hascardy, and so fell to the kingdom of the *West-Saxons*. And *Marchlond* had in it *London*, *Mildelfex*, heering a Bishoprik. Had more of *Shyrez*: *Gloceter*, *Woorceter*, and *Warwik*, and heering a Bishoprik. *Chester* (that now we call *Cheshyre*) *Darby* and *Staffoord*, whereunto one Bishop that had also part of *Warwyk* and *Shrewsbury*, and his See at *Coventree* that was then aforetime at *Lychfeeld*. Heretoo: *Hereford*, wherein a Bishoprik that had more too Jurisdiction, half *Shreusbury*, part of *Warwyk* and also of *Gloceter*, and the See at *Hereford*. Also had *Oxford*, *Buckingham*, *Hertford*, *Huntingdon*, & halfe of *Bedforde*; and too theez, *Norhampton*, part of *Leyceter*, and also *Lincoln*, whearunto a Bishop: Whoz See at *Lincoln Citee* that sumtime before was at *Dorchester*, heerto the rest of *Leyceter* and in *Nottingham*, that of old had a speciall Bishop, whooz See waz at *Leyceter*; but after, put to the charge of the Archbishop of *Yorke*.

Now touching the Name, that of oldl Recordes I understand, and of Auncient Writers I find, iz call'd *Kenelworth*; Syns most

most of the *Worth's* in *England* stand ny un-
 too like lakes, and ar eyther small *Ilandz*,
 such one as the Seat of this *Castl* hath been
 and eazly may bee, or is lond ground by Pool
 or River whearon Willoz, Alderz, or such
 like doo gro: Which *Allhamerus* writes Upon Tacitus,
fol. 142.
 precizely that the *Germanis* cal ~~Werd~~: Joyn- The Germans
call *Werk* that
we call *Woorke*.
 ing these too together with the nighness allso
 of the *Woords* and fybred of the toongs. I They call
Werlt that we
call *Woorld*.
 am the bolder to pronouns, that as our They *Wermut*
we *Wormwood*,
English Woorth, with the rest of our Auncient They biel *Wert*
we much *Worth*.
Langage, was leaft us from the *Germanis*,
 even so that their *Werd* and our *Woorth* iz
 all one thing in signiaunce, common too us
 both, e'en at this day: I take the case so
 clear, that I say not az mooch az I moought.
 Thus Proface ye with the Preface, and nowe
 to the Matter.

On *Saterdag* the Nyenth of *July*, at long
Ichington, a Toun & Lordship of my Lord's,
 within a seaven Myle of *Killingworth*, his
 Honor made her *Majesty* great cheer at Din-
 ner, and pleasaunt Pastime in Hunting by the
 way after, that it was eight o'Clock in the
 Evening ear her Highness came too *Killing-*
woorth: Whear in the Park, about a flight
 shoot from the Brayz and first gate of the

Sybls. *Castl*, one the ten *Sibills*, that (we reed)
 wear all *Fatidicæ* and *Theobulæ*, (as parties
 and privy too the Gods gracious good willz,
 (cumly clad in a Pall of white Sylk, pro-
 nounced a proper Poezi in English Rime and
 Meeter: Of effect hoow great gladness her
 goodnesse prezenze brought into everie steed
 whear it pleased her too cum; and special
 now into that place that had so long longed
 after the same: Ended with prophecie cer-
 tain, of mooch and long prosperitie health
 and felicitee: This her *Majestie* beningly
 accepting, passed foorth untoo the next
 gate of the Brayz, which for the length,
 largenes and use, (as well it may so serve)

The Porter. they call now the Tylt-yard, whear a Porter,
 tall of Person, big of lim and stearn of
 coountinace, wrapt also all in Sylke, with
 a club and keiz of quantitee according, had
 a rough speech full of Passions in meeter
 aptly made to the purpose: Whearby (az
 her Highnes was cum within his warde) hee
 burst out in a great pang of impatiens to see
 such uncooth trudging too and fro, such
 riding in and out, with such dyn and noiz
 of talk within the charge of his Offis:
 Whearof hee never saw the like nor had any
 warning afore, ne yet could make too him-
 self

self any cauze of the matter: At last upon better vieu and avisement, az hee preast too cum neerar, confessing anon that hee found himself pearced at the prezens of a personage so evidently expressing an heroicall Soverain-tee over all the whole Estates, and by degreez thear besyde, callm'd his stoniz, proclaims open gates and free passage to all, yeelds up his Club, his Keyz, hiz Office and all, and on hiz kneez humbly prayz pardon of hiz ignorauns and impaciens: which her Highness graciousslie graunting, he cauz'd his Trumpetourz that stood uppon the wall of the gate thear, too soound up a tune of welcum: Which, besyde the nobl noyz, was so mooch the more pleasaunt too behold, becaus theez Trumpetours, beeing fixe in number, wear every one an eight foot hye, in due proportion of Parson besyde, all in long garments of Sylk suitabl, eache with hiz sylvery Trumpet of a five foot long, foorm-ed taper wyse, and straight from the upper part untoo the neathere eend: Whear the diameter was a 16 ynchez over, and yet so tempered by art, that being very eazy too the blast, they cast soorth no greater noyz, nor a more unpleazaunt soound for time and tune, than any oother common Trumpet,

*The
Trumpetours.*

*The Lady of
the Lake.*

bee it never so artificially formed. . . Theeze armonious blasterz, from the foreside of the gate at her highness entrance whear they began: Walking upon the Wallz untoo the inner: had this Muzik mainteined from them very delectably, while her Highness all along this Tylt-yard rode unto the inner gate next the base Coourt of the *Castl*: where the Lady of the Lake, (famous in King *Arthurz* Book) with too *Nymphes* waiting uppon her, arrayed all in Sylks, attending her Highness comming: From the midst of the Pool, whear upon a moovabl *Iland*, bright blazing with Torches, she floting to Land, met her *Majesty* with a well penned meeter and matter after this sort: [viz] First of the Auncientee of the *Castl*, whoo had been ownerz of the same e'en 'till this day, most alweys in the hands of the Earls of *Leyceter*; hoow shee had kept this Lake sinz King *Arthurz* Dayz; and now understanding of her highness hither cumming, thought it both office and duetie, in humble wize to discover her and her Estate; offering up the same, her Lake and Poowr therein, with promise of repayre unto the Coourt. It pleazed her highness too thank this Lady, and too add withall, we had thought indeed the

the Lake had been oourz, and doo you call it yourz now? Well, we will herein common more with yoo hereafter.

THIS Pageant was cloz'd up with a delectable harmony of Hautboiz, Shalmz, Cornets, and such oother looud Muzik, that held on while her *Majestie* pleasauntly so passed from thence toward the *Castl* gate; whearunto from the baze Coourt over a dry valley cast into a good foorm, waz thear framed a fayr Bridge of a twenty foot wide, and a seaventy foot long, graveld for treading, railed on either part with seaven Posts on a side, that stood a 12 foot a sunder thickned betweene with well proportioned Pillars turn'd.

The Bridge.

*Seven pair
of Posts.*

UPON the first payr of Posts were set too cumly square wyre Cages, a three foot long, too foot wide; and hye in them live Bitters, Curluz, Shoovelarz, Hearsheawz, Godwitz, and such like deinty Byrds of the presents of *Sylvanus* the God of Foul. On the second payr, too great sylver'd Bollz, featly apted too the purpoze, filde with Applz, Pearz, Cherriz, Filberdz, Walnuts, freslh upon their braunches, and with Oranges, Pougarnets, Lemmans,

*Sylvanus's
Presents.*

- Lemmans, and Pipinz, all for the giftz of
Pomona. 2. *Pomona*, Goddes of Fruitz. The third pair
 of Posts, in too such sylver'd Bollz, had
 (all in earz Green and Old) Wheat, Barly,
Ceres. 3. Ootz, Beans and Peaz, az the gifts of *Ceres*.
 The fourth Post on the least hand, in a like
 sylvered Boll, had Grapes in Clusters whyte
 and red, gracified with their vine leavez:
 The match Post against it had a payre of
 great whyte sylver lyvery Pots for Wyne:
 and before them too Glassez of good capacitie,
 fill'd full; the t'on with whyte Wine, the
 two other with Claret; so fresh of coolor,
 and of look so lovely, smiling to the Eyz of
 many, that by my feith mee thought, by
 their leering, they could have ffound in
 their harts (az the evening was hot,) to
 have kist them sweetlie, and thought it no
 Sin: And theez for the potencial prezents of
Bacchus. 4. *Bacchus* the God of Wine. The fift payr had
 each a fair large trey streawd with fresh grafs;
 and in them, Coonger, Burt, Mullet, Fresh
 Herring, Oisters, Samon, Crevis, and such
Neptunus. 5. like from *Neptunus*, God of the Sea. On the
 sixth payr of Posts wear set two ragged Stavez
 of sylver, as my Lord givez them in Armz,
 beautiffully glittering of Armour thereupon
 depending, Bowz, Arroze, Spearz, Sheeld,
 Head

Head-pees, Gorget, Corselets, Swoords, Targets, and such like, for *Mars* Gifts the God of War. And the aptlyer (methought,) waz it that thooz ragged Staves supported theez Martial presents, as well becauz theez staves by their tines seem naturallie meete for the bearing of Armoour, as also that they chiefly in this place might take upon them principall protection of her Highness Parson, that so benignly pleased her to take herbour. On the seaventh Posts, the last and next too the *Castl*, wear thear pight to saer Bay braunches of a four foot hy, adourned on all sides with Lutes, Viollz, Shallmz, Cornets, Flutes, Recorders, and Harpes, az the presents of *Phæbus* the God of Muzik for rejoicing the mind, and also of Phizik, for health to the Body.

Mars. 6.

Phæbus. 7

Over the *Castl* Gate was there fastened a Tabl beautifully garnisht aboove with her Highness Arms, and featlie with Ivy wreathz boorded aboout, of a ten foot Square: The ground blak, whearupon in large white Capitall Roman sayr written, a Poem mentioning theeze Gods and their Gifts, thus presented untoo her Highness: Which, becauz it remained unremooved, at leizure and please I took it oout, as foloeth.

A D

AD MAJESTATEM REGIAM.

Jupiter huc certos cernens te tendere gressus
 Cælicolas PRINCEPS actutum convocat Omnes:
 Obsequium præstare jubet TIBI quenque benignum.
 Unde suas Sylvanus Aves, Pomonaque fructus,
 Alma Ceres fruges, hilarantia vina Liæus,
Neptunus Pisces, tela et tutantia *Mavors*,
 Suave Melos *Phæbus*, solidamque longamque salutem.
 Dii TIBI REGINA hæc (cum sis DIGNISSIMA) præbent:
 Hoc TIBI, cum Domino, dedit se & verda KENELMI.

All the Letters that mention her *Majesty*, which
 heer I put capitall, for reverens and honor wear
 thear made in Gollid.

But the Night well spent, for that theez
 Versez by torch light coold easily bee read,
 by a Poet thearfore in a long ceruleoous
 garment, with a fide and wide sleeves
 Venecian wize drawn up to his elboz, his
 dooblett sleevez under that, Crimzen, noth-
 ing but Silke; a Bay garland on his head,
 and a skro in his hand, making first an hum-
 ble Obeizaunce at her highness cummyng,
 and pointing untoo everie present as he
 spake; the same were pronounced. Thus
 viewing

viewing the Gifts, az she past, and how the
 Posts might agree with the speech of the
 Poet, at the eend of the bridge and entree
 of the Gate, waz her highnes received with
 a fresh delicate Armony of Flutz, in per-
 fourmauns of *Phæbus* Prezents.

So passing intoo the inner Coourt, her
Majesty (that never rides but alone) thear
 set doun from her palfrey, was conveied up
 to Chamber: When after did follo so great
 a peal of gunz, and such lightning by fyr-
 work a long space toogither, as *Jupiter*
 woold sheaw himself too bee no further be-
 hind with hiz welcum then the rest of hiz
 Gods: and that woold hee have all the
 Countrie to kno: for indeed the noiz and
 flame were heard and seen a twenty myle
 of. Thus much *Master Martin* (that I re-
 member me) for the first daiz *Bien venu*.
 Be yee not wery, for I am skant in the midst
 of my matter.

On *Sunday* the forenoon Occupied, az for
 the Sabot day, in quiet and vacation from
 woork, and in divine servis and preaching
 at the Parish Church: The Afternoon in
 excelent Muzik of sundry swet Instruments,
 C and

Sunday.

and in dauncing of Lordes and Ladiez, and oother woorshipfull degrees, uttered with such lively agilitee and commendable grace az whither it moought be more straunge too the eye, or pleazunt too the minde, for my part indeed I could not discern; but exceedingly well was it, methought in both.

At night late, az though *Jupiter* the last night had forgot for biziness, or forborn for curtesy and quiet, part of his wellcoom unto her highness appointed, noow entrins at the fyrst intoo hiz purpoze moderatly (az mortallz doo) with a warning peec or too, proceeding on with increas; at last the *Altito-nant* displeaz me hiz mayn pour; with blaz of burning Darts, flying too and fro, leams of starz coruscant, streamz and hail of fire sparkes, lightnings of wildfier a water and lond, flight & shoot of thunderboltz, all with such countinauns terror & vehemencie, that the Heavins thündred, the Waters sooured, the Earth shooke; and in such sort furly, az had we not bee assured of the fulmieant de-itee waz all hot in Amitee, and could not othervise witnesse his wellcomming unto her highness; it would have made mee, for my part, az hardy az I am, very veangeably
afeard

afeard. This a doo laſted while the Mid-
night waz paſt, that well waz mee ſoon after
when I waz cought in my cabayn: and this
for the ſecund day.

Munday was hot, and thearfore her high- *Munday, 3.*
neſs kept in a till a five a Clok in the eeven-
ing: what time it pleazz'd her too ride
foorth into the Chace too hunt the Hart of *The Hunting*
fors: which ſoound anon, and after ſore *of the Hart of*
chafed, and chafed by the hot purſuit of the
hooundes, was fain of fine fors, at laſt to
take ſoil. Thear to beholld the ſwift fleet-
ing of the Deer afore with the ſtately Cariage
of his head in hiz ſwimmyng, ſpred (for the
quantitee) lyke the ſail of a Ship: the
hounds harroing after, az they had bin a
number of ſkiphs too the ſpoyle of a Karvell:
the ton no leſſe eager in purchaz of his pray,
then waz the other earneſt in ſavegard of hiz
life: ſo az the earning of the hoounds in
continuauns of their crie, the ſwiftnes of
the Deer, the running of footmen, the gallop-
ing of horſez, the blaſting of hornz, the hal-
loing and hewing of the huntſmen, with the
excellent echoz between whilez from the
Woods and Waters in Valleiz reſounding;
mooved Paſſime delectabl in ſo hye a degree,

az for ony parson to take pleazure by moost
 sensez at onez, in mine opinion, thear can
 be none ony wey comparable to this: and
 speciall in this place, that of nature is foorm-
 ed so fytt for the purpose; in feith *Master*
Martin if ye coold with a Wish, I woold
 ye had bin at it: Wel the Hart waz kild,
 a goodly Deer, but so ceast not the game
 yet.

For about nien a Clock, at the hither
 part of the Chase whear torch light attend-
 ed, oout of the Woods, in her *Majestiez* re-
 turn, rooughly came thear foorth *Hombre*
The Savage Man. *Salvagio*, with an Oken plant pluckt up by
 the roots in his hande, himself forgrone all in
 Mofs and Ivy; who, for parsonage, gesture,
 and utteraunce beside, coountenaunst the
 matter too very good liking; and had speech
 to effect: That continuing so long in theeze
 wilde Wastes, whearin oft had he fared both
 far and neer, yet hapt he never to see so
 glorioous an Assemble afore: and noow cast
 intoo great grief of mind, for that neyther
 by himself coold he gesse, nor knew whear
 else too bee taught, what they should be,
 or whoo bare estate. Reports sum had he
 hard many straunge things, but brooyled
 thearby

theaby so mooch the more in desire of knowledge. Thus in great pangs bethought he, and call'd he upon all his familiarz and companionz, the Fawnz, the Satyres, the Nymphs, the Dryades & the Hamadryades; but none making aunfwear, wheaby his care the more encreasing, in utter grief and extreem refuge, call'd he allowd at last, after hiz olld freend *Echo*, that he wist would hyde nothing from him, but tell him all, if she wear heer. Heer (quoth *Echo*.) Heer, *Echo*, and art thou thear? (says he,) Ah hoow mooch hast thou relieved my careful spirits with thy curtezy onward. A my good *Echo*, heer is a marveilooous prezenz of dignitee; what are they I pray thee, who is Soverain, tell me I beseech thee, or elze hoow moought I kno? I kno (quoth she.) Knoest thou, says he? marry that is exceedingly well: Why then, I dezire thee, hartily to sho mee what *Majestie*, (for no mean degree is it) have we heer: a *King* or a *Queen*? (quoth *Echo*.) A *Queen*! sayez hee? Pauzing and wisely viewing a while, noow full certeynlie seemes thy tale to be true: And proceeding by this maner of Dialog, with an earnest beholding her highness a while, recounts he first hoow justly
that

Echo.

that foormer reports agree with his present fight, tooching the beautifull linaments of coountinauns, the cumly proportion of body, the Prinly grace of prezenz, the graciouz giftz of nature, with the rare and singular qualities of both body and mind in her *Majesty* conjoyn'd, and so apparent at eye. Then shortly rehearsing Saterdaiz Actes, of *Sibil's* salutation, of the Porter's proposition, of his Trumpetooours Muzik, of the Lake Ladiez Oration, of the seaven Godz seaven Presentz, Hee reporteth the incredibl joy that all estatez in the land have allweyz of her hignes whearsoever it cums: eendeth with presage and prayer of perpetuall felicittee, and with humble subjection of him and hizzen and all that they may do. After this sort the matter went with littl differens I gesse, saving only in this point, that the thing which heer I report in unpolisht Proez, was thear pronounced in good meeter and matter, very wel indighted in rime. *Echo* finely framed most aptly by answerz thus to utter all. And I shall tell yoo *Master Martin*, by the mass, of a mad Adventure: As this Savage for the more submission brake hiz tree asunder, and Kast the top from him, it had almost light upon her highnes hors hedd; whearat he startld,
and

the gentlman much dismayd. See the ben-
nignitee of the Prins; az the footmen lookt
well too the hors, and hee of generositee
soon calmd of himself——“No hurt, “No
hurt, quoth her highness. Which Words
I promif yoo wee wear all glad to hear;
and took them too be the best part of the
Play.

Tuisday, pleazaunt passing of the time with *Tuisday, 4.*
Muzik and dauncing; saving that toward
night it liked her *Majesty* too walk a foot
into the Chase over the bridge: whear it
pleased her to stand, while upon the Pool
oout of a Barge fine appointed for the pur-
poze, too heer sundry kinds of very delectabl
Muzik; thus recreated, and after sum wallk
her highnes returned.

Wednesday, her *Majesty* rode intoo the *Wednesday, 5.*
Chase, a hunting again of the Hart of Fors.
The Deer, after his property, for refuge took
the soyl: but so master'd by hote pursuit
on al parts, that he was taken quick in the
Pool: The Watermen held him up hard by
the hed, while at her highnes comaundment
he lost hiz earz for a raundsum and so had
pardon for lyfe.

*The Hart
pardoned.*

Thursday,

Thursday, 6. *Thursday*, the fourteenth of this *July*,
 and the sixth day of her *Majestyez* cumming,
A queast of a great sort of Bandogs whear thear tyed
Bearz. in the utter Coourt, and thyrteen Bearz in
 the inner. Whooscever made the pannell,
 thear wear inoow for a Queast, and one for
 challenge and need wear. A Wight of great
 wizdoom and gravitee seemed their forman
 to be, had it cum to a Jury: But it fell
 oout that they wear cauzd too appeer thear
 upon no such matter, but onlie too aunfwear
 too auncient quarrell between them and the
 Bandogs, in a cause of controversy that
 hath long depended, been obstinately full
 often debated with sharp and byting argu-
 ments a both sydes, and coold never be
 decided grown noow too so marveyloous a
 mallys, that with spitefull obrayds and un-
 charitabl chaffings alweiz they freat, az any
 whear the ton can heer, see, or smell the
 toother: And indeed at utter deadly feud.
 Many a maymd member, (God wot) bloody
 face & a torn Cote hath the quarrel cost be-
 tween them, so far likely the lesse yet noow
 to be appeazd, as thear wants not partakers
 too bak them a both fidez.

Well syr, the Bearz wear brought foorth
 intoo

intoo the Coourt, the Dogs set too them, too argu the points eeven face too face; they had learnd counfel also a both parts: what may they be coounted parciall that are retain but a to syde? I ween no. Very feers both ton & toother and eager in argument: If the Dog in pleadyng woold pluk the Bear by the throte, the Bear with travers woould claw him again by the scalp; Confess and a list, but avoyd a coold not that waz bound too the bar: And hiz Coounfell tolld him that it coold be too him no pollecy in pleading. Thearfore thus with fending and prooving, with plucking and tugging, skratting and byting, by plain tooth and nayll a to fide and toother, such expens of blood and leather waz thear between them, as a moonths licking I ween will not recoover: and yet remain as far out az ever they wear.

It was a sport very pleazaunt of theeze beaftz; to see the Bear with his pink nyez leering after hiz enmiez approch, the nimbleness and wayt of the Dog too take hiz advantage, and the fors and experiens of the Bear agayn to avoyd the affauts: If he wear bitten in one place, hoow he woold pynch in an oother too get free: that if he wear

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taken

taken onez; then what shyft with byting with clawying, with roring toſſing and tumbling he woold woork too wynde hym ſelf from them: And when he was loſe, to ſhake hiz earz twyſe or thryſe wyth the blud and the flaver about his fiznamy, waz a matter of a goodly releef.

*Gun ſhot and
fyrework.*

As this ſport waz had a day time, in the *Caſtl*, ſo waz thear abroad at night very ſtraunge and ſundry kindez of fier works, compeld by cunning to fly too and fro, and too mount very hye intoo they Ayr upward, and alſo too burn unquenſhabl in the Water beneathe; contrary, ye wot, too fyerz kinde: This intermingld with a great peal of Guns, which all gave both to the ear and to the Eye the greater grace and delight, for that with ſuch Order and Art they wear temper-ed, tooouching time and continuaunce, that waz about too hours ſpace.

*Tumbling of
The Italian.*

Noow within alſo, in the mean time waz thear ſheawed before her hignes, by an *Italian*, ſuch feats of Agilitiee, in goinges, turninges, tumblings, caſſinges, hops, jumps, leaps, ſkips, ſprings, gambaud, ſoomerſauts, caprettiez and flights; forward, backward, fydewize,

fydewize, a downward, upward and with
 sundry windings, gyrings & circumflexions;
 allso lightly and with such easyness, as by
 mee in few words it is not expressibl by pen
 or speech I tell yoo plain. I bleast me by
 my faith to behold him, and began to doout
 whither a waz a man or a spirite, and I
 ween had doouted mee till this day, had it
 not been that anon I bethought me of men
 that can reason and talk with too toongs,
 and with too parsons at onez, sing like Burdz,
 curteiz of behaviour, of body strong, and in
 joynts so nymbl withall, that their bonez
 seem az lythie and plyaunt syneuz. They
 dwel in a happy *Iland* (az the Book tearmiz
 it,) four moonths sayling Southward beyond
Ethiop. Nay Master Martin I tell you no
 jest; for both *Diodorus Siculus* an Auncient *Diodor. Sicul.
 de Antig.
 Egyptiorum
 Gestis. lib. 3.*
 Greek Historiographer in his third book of
 the Acts of the olld *Egyptions*; and also from
 him *Conrad Gesnerus*, a great learned man,
 and a very diligent Writer in all good Argu-
 ments of oour time, but deceased, in the
 first chapter of hiz *Mithridates* reporteth the
 same. As for this fellow, I cannot tell what
 too make of him, save that I may gesse his
 bak metalld like a Lamprey, that haz no
 bone, but a lyne like to a Lute string. Well

fyr, let him pass and his feats, and this dayz pastime withall, for heer iz az mooch az I can remember mee for *Thursdaiz* entertainment.

*Friday, 7.
Saterday, 8.*

Friday and *Saterday* wear thear no open sheaws abrode, becauz the weather enclynde too sum moyster and wynde; that very feazonably temperd the drought and the heat, cauzed by the continuans of fayr weather and sunshyne afore, all the whyle fyns her *Majestiez* thither cumming.

Sunday, 9.

A *Sunday*, opportunely the weather brake up again, and after divine Servis in the Parish Church for the Sabot day, and a frutefull Sermon thear in the forenoon: At Afternoon, in woorship of this *Kenelwoorth Castl*, and of God and *Saint Kenelm*, whooz day forsooth by the Calendar this waz; a
a Brideale. solemn Brydeale of a proper Coopl waz appointed; Set in order in the Tylt-yard, too cum and make thear sheaw before the *Castl* in the great Coourt, whear az was pight a cumly Quintine for featz at Armz, which when they had done, too march oout at the North gate of the *Castl* homeward again into the Tooun.

And

And thus were they marshalled. Fyrst, all the lustie Lads and bolld bachelorz of the Parish, sutable every Wight with hiz blu buckeram bridelace upon a braunch of green Broom (cauz rozemary iz skant thear) tyed on hiz leaft arme, (for a that syde lyez the heart,) and his Alder pole for a spear in his right hand, in Marciall order raunged on a fore, too and too in a rank: Sum with a hat, sum in a Cap, sum a Cote, sum a jerken, sum for lightness in hiz dooblet and hiz hoze, Clean trust with a point afore: **Sum** botes and no Spurz, he Spurz and no boots, and he neyther nother: One a Sadel, anoother a Pad or a Pannell fastened with a Cord, for gyrts wear geazon: And theez to the number of a sixteen wight riding men and well beseen: But the Bridegroom formost, in hiz fatherz tawny worsted jacket, (for hiz freends wear fayn that he shoold be a Brydegroom before the *Queen*) a fayr strawn hat with a Capitall Crooun, steepl Wyze on his hed: a payr of harvest gloves on hiz hands, az a sign of good Husbandry: A Pen and inkorn at hiz bak; for he woold be knowen to be bookish: lame of a leg that in his Yooth was broken at football: Well beloved yet of his Mother, that lent him a nu Musflar

flar for a Napkin that waz tyed too hiz gyrdl
for lozyng. It was no small Sport too marke
this Minion in hiz full apointment, that
through good scoolation becam az formall
in hiz Action, az had he been a Brydegroom
indeed; with this speciall grace by the wey,
that ever az he wouold have framed him the
better countenauns, with the woors face he
lookt.

Well fyr, after theez horfmen, a lively
Morisdans, according too the Auncient
manner: six Dauncerz, Mawdmarion, and
the Fool. Then three pretty Puzels, az
bright az a breast of bacon, of a thirtie yeere
old a pees, that carried three speciall Spise-
cakes of a bushel of wheat (they had it by
meazure out of my *Lords* backhouse,) before
the Bryde: Syzely with set countenauns,
and lips so demurely simpring, as it had been
a Mare cropping of a thistl. After theez, a
loovely loober woorts, freklfaced, red-head-
ed, cleen trust in hiz dooblet and hiz hoze
taken up now in deed by commission, for
that hee waz so loth to cum forward, for re-
verens belike of hiz nue cut canvas dooblet;
and wouold by hiz good will have been but a
gazer, but found to bee a meet actor for his

Offis:

Offis: That waz to beare the Bride-cup, foormed of a sweet sucket barrell, a faire turnd foot set too it, all seemly be sylverd and parcell gilt, adourned with a beautiful braunch of Broom, gayly begilded for Rosemary; from which, too brode Brydelaces of red and yelloo buckeram begilded, and galauntly streaming by such wind az thear waz, for he Carried it aloft: This gentl Cup-bearer yet, had hiz freckld fizenemy sumwhat unhappily infested az he went, by the byzy flyez, that floct about the Bride-cup, for the sweetness of the sucket that it favored on: but hee like a tall Fello, withstood their Mallis stoutly, (see what Manhood may do,) bet them away, kild them by scores, stood to hiz charge, and marched on in good Order.

Then folloed the worshipful Bride, led (after the Cuntrie maner) between too Auncient Parishioners, honest Toounsmen. But a stale Stallion, and a well spred, (hot az the Weather waz) God wot, and ill smelling waz she: a thirtie yeer old, of colour broun-bay not very beautifull in deed, but ugly, and foul ill favord: Yet marveyloous fond of the Offis, because shee hard
say

ſay ſhee ſhould dauns before the *Queen*, in which feat ſhee thought ſhe woold foot it az finely az the beſt: Well, after this Bride cam thear by too and too, a dozen damzels for bride-maides; that for favor, attyre, for facion and cleanlines, were az meete for ſuch a Bride az a treen ladl for a Porige Pot: Mo, (but for fear of carring all clean,) had been appointed but theez feaw wear inoow.

*Running at
Quintine.*

As the Cumpany in this Order wear cum into the Coourt, marvelous wear the marcial Acts that wear doon thear that day, The Bryde-groome for preeminens had the fyrſt Coors at the Quintyne, brake hiz ſpear treſhardiment: but his Mare in hiz manage did a littl ſo titubate, that mooch a doo had his Manhod to ſit in his Sadl, and too 'ſcape the foyl of a fall: With the help of his hand, yet hee recooverd himſelf, and loſt not hiz ſtyrops (for he had none to his Sadl:) had no hurt as it hapt, but only that hiz gyrt burſt, and loſt hiz pen and inkorn that he waz redy to wep for; but his handkercher, az good hap waz, found hee ſafe at his gyrdl: that cheerd him ſumwhat, and had good regard it ſhould not be ſyeld. For though heat and coolneſs upon ſundry Occazions

Occasions made him sum time too sweat,
and sum time rumatick; yet durst hee be
bollder too blo his noze and wype his face
with the flapet of his fatherz jacket, then with
his Mother's Muffler: 'tis a goodly matter,
when Yooth iz manerly brought up, in fa-
therlie loove and Motherly Aw.

Now Syr, after the Brydegroom had made
hiz Coors, ran the rest of the Band a whyle,
in sum order; but soon after, tag and rag,
cut and long tail; whear the specialty of
the sport was, to see how sum for hiz flak-
ness had a good bob with the Bag; and sum
for his haste too toppd dooun right, and cum
tumbling to the Post: Sum fflyving so
mooch at the fyrst setting oout, that it
seemd a question between the Man and the
Beast, whither the Coors shoold be made
a horsback or a foot: and put foorth with
the spurz, then wold run hiz race by az
among the thickest of the Throng, that
dooun came they toogyther hand over hed:
Anooother, whyle he directed his Coors to
the quintine, his jument woold carry him
too a Mare amoong the Pepl: So hiz hors
az amoroos az him self adventuroous: A-
nother, too, run and mist the quintyne with

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hiz

hiz staff, and hit the boord with his hed!

Many such gay gamz wear thear among theez ryderz: who by and by after, upon a greater coorage leaft thear quintining, and ran at anoother. Thear to see the stearn countenauns, the grym looks, the cooragious attempts, the desperat Adventurez, the daungeroous Coorvez, the feers encounterz, whereby the buff at the Man, and the counterbuff at the hors, that both sumtime cam topling to the ground. By my trooth *Master Martyn* twaz a lively pastime; I beleeve it woold have mooved sum man too a right meerry mood, though had it be toold him hiz Wife lay a dying.

*Hok Tuisday
by the Coventree
men.*

And heerto folloed az good a sport, (methought,) prezented in an Historical kue, by certain good harted men of *Coventree*, my Lords Neighbors thear: who understanding amoong them the thing that coold not bee hidden from ony: hoow carefull and studious hiz honour waz that by all pleazaunt recreasions her highnes might best fynd her self wellcom, and bee made gladsum and mery; (the groundworke indeede and foundacion of hiz Lordship's myrth and gladnesse

gladnesse of us all,) made petition that they moought renue noow their Old Storial Sheaw: Of argument how the *Danez* whylom heere in a troubluous Seazon wear for quietnesse born withall and suffeard in Peas; that anon, by outrage and importabl insolency, abuzing both *Ethelred* the King, then, and all Estates everie whear by syde; at the greevous complaint and coounfel of *Huna* the King's Chieftain in warz, on *Saint Brice's* night, *Ann. Dom.* 1012, (az the book sayz, that falleth yeerely on the thirteenth of *November*) wear all dispatcht and the Ream rid. And for becauz the matter mencioneth how valiantly our *English* Women, for love of their Countree behaved themselves, expressed in Actionz and rymez after their manner, they thought it moought moove sum myrth to her *Majesty* the rather. The thing, said They, iz grounded in story, and for pastime woont too be plaid in oour Citee yearly: without ill example of mannerz, papistry, on ony superstition: and elz did so occupy the heads of a number, that likely inoough woold have had woorz meditationz: had an Auncient beginning and a long continuauns: 'till noow of late laid dooun, they knue no cauz why, onless it wear by the

zeal of certain theyr preacherz; Men very commendabl for their behaviour & learning, and sweet in their Sermons, but sumwhat too sour in preaching away theyr Pastime: Wisht therefore, that az they shoold continue their good doctrine in Pulpet, so, for matters of pollicy and governauns of the Citie, they woold permit them to the *Mair* and *Magistratez*: and sayed by my feyth, *Master Martyn*, they woold make theyr humbl petition untoo her highnes, that they might have theyr Playz up agayn.

But aware, keep bak, make room noow, har they cum:

Captain Cox.

And fyrst *Captin Cox*, an od man I promiz yoo: by profession a Mason, and that right skilfull; very cunning in fens, and hardy as *Garwin*; for his ton-sword hangs at hiz tablz eend: great oversight hath he in matters of florie: For az for *King Arthurz Book*, *Huon of Burdeaus*, the foour sons of *Aymon*, *Bevyys of Hampton*, *The Squire of lo degree*, *The Knight of Courtesy*, and the *Lady Faguell*, *Frederik of Gene*, *Syr Eglamoour*, *Syr Hobbyhorse*, *Tryamoour*, *Syr Lamwell*, *Syr Isenbras*, *Syr Garwoyn*, *Olyver of the Castl*, *Lucres* and *Eurialus*, *Virgil's life*, the *Castl of Ladies*, the

It is alluding to this Adventure of the COUNTRY men, that Ben.

Johnson names one of his Masques, which was printed 1640;

A Masque of Owls at Kenelworth; present-

ed by the Ghost of Captain Cox,

mounted on his See Langbain's Dramatic Poets

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the *Wido Edyth*, the *King* and the *Tanner*,
Frier Rous, *Howleglas*, *Gargantua*, *Robin-*
hood, *Adam Bel*, *Clim* of the *Clough* and
William of *Cloudjley*, the *Churl* & the *Burd*,
the *seaven wise Masters*, the *Wife* lapt in a
Morels skin, the *sak full of Nuez*, the *Scarge-*
aunt that became a *Fryar*, *Skogan*, *Collyn*
Cloout, the *Fryar* and the *boy*, *Elynor Runn-*
ing, and the *Nutbrooun Maid*, with many moe
then I rehears heere; I beleeeve hee have them
all at his fingers endz.

Then in Philosophy, both Morall and
Naturall, I think hee be as naturally over-
seen; beside *Poetrie* and *Astronomie*, and
oother hid *Sciences*, az I may gesse by the
Omberty of his Books; whearof part, az I
remember, The *Sheperds Kalendar*, The
Ship of Fools, *Danielz Dreamz*, the *Book* of
Fortune, *Stans puer ad Mensam*, The bye
wey to the *Spitl-house*, *Julian* of *Brainford's*
Testament, the *Castle of Love*, the *Booget* of
Demaunds, the *Hundred Mery Talez*, the
Book of *Riddels*, the *Seaven Sororz* of *Wemen*,
The *prooud Wives Pater-Noster*, the *Chapman*
of a *Peniwoorth* of *Wit*: Beside hiz Auncient
Playz, *Yooth* & *Charitee*, *Hikskorner*, *Nugize*,
Impacient Poverty, & heerwith *Doctor Boords*
Breviary

Breviary of Health. What should I rehearze heer, what a bunch of Ballets and Songs, all Auncient; as *Broom broom on Hil, So Wo iz me begon, trolly lo. Over a Whinny Meg, Hey ding a ding, Bony lasfs upon a green, My bony on gave me a bek. By a bank az I lay:* and too more he hath fair wrapt up in Parchment, and bound with a Whipcord. And az for Almanaks of Antiquitee, (a point for *Ephemerides*) I ween he can sheaw from *Jasper Laet of Antwarp* unto *Nostradam of Frauns*, and thens untoo oour *John Securiz of Salisbury*. To stay ye no longer herein, I dare say hee hath az fair a Library of theez Sciencez, and az many goodly Monuments both in Proze and Poetry, and at afternoonz can talk az much without book, az ony Inholder betwixt *Brainford* and *Bagshot*, what degree foever he be.

Beside thiz, in the field a good Marshall at musters; of very great Credite and trust in the Toun here; for he haz been chozen Ale-cunner many a Yeer, when hiz betterz have stond by; and ever quited himself with such estimation, az yet too tast of a Cup of *Nippitate*, hiz judgement will be taken above

bove the best in the Parish, be hiz noze near
so read.

Captain Cox cam marching on valiantly
before, cleen trust and gartered above the
knee, all fresh in a Velvet Cap (*Master Gold-
ing* a lent it him,) flourishng with hiz ton
swoord; and another fens master with him:
Thus in the forward making room for the
rest. After them, proudly prickt on for-
most the *Danish* launce knights on hosbak,
and then the *English*: Each with their Al-
der pole martially in their hand. Eeven at
the first entree, the meeting waxt sum-what
Warm; that bye and bye kindled with corage
a both sidez, grue from a hot skirmish unto
a blazing Battail: first by speare and shield,
outragious in their racez as ramz at their rut;
with furious encoounterz, that togyther they
tumbl too the dust, sumtime hors and man,
and after fall too it with sworde and target,
good bangz a both sidez. The fight so
ceassing, but the Battail not so ended follo-
ed the Footmen; both by the Hostes ton a-
fter toother; first marching in ranks; then
Warlik turning; then fro ranks into squad-
rons; then intoo triangles; fro that into
rings, and so winding oout again. A valiant
Captain

*The Coventree
Play.*

Captain of great prowes az fiers az a fox assaunting a gooz, waz so hardy to give the first stroke: then get they gryfly togyther, that great was the Activitee that day too beseen thear a both sidez: ton very eager for purchaz of pray, toother utterly stoout for redemption of Libertie: thus, quarrell enflamed fury a both sidez: Twise the *Danes* had the better, but at the last conflict, beateri down, overcom, and many led captive for triumph by our *English* Weemen.

This was the effect of this Sheaw; that az it waz handled, made mooch matter of good Pastime: brought all indeed into the great Coourt, een under her highnes window too have seen: but (az unhappy it waz for the Bride) that cam thither too soon, (and yet waz it a four a Clok.) for her highnes beholding in the Chamber delectabl dauncing indeed, and heerwith the great throng and unruliness of the people, waz cauz that this solemnitee of Brideale and dauncing, had not the full muster was hoped for; and but a littl of the *Coventree* Pley her highnes also saw, commaunded therefore on the *Tuisday* folloing to have it full oout: az accordingly it waz prezented; whereat
her

her *Majesty* laught well: They wear the Jocunder, and so mooch the more, becauz her highnes had given them too Buckes and five Marke in mony, to make mery togyther: They prayed for her *Majesty*, long, happily to reign, and oft to cum thither, that oft they moought see her: and what, triumphing upon the good acceptauns, they vaunted their Play was never so dignified, nor ever any Players before so beatified.

Thus, tho' the Day took an end, yet slipt not the night all sleeping away: for az neyther Offis nor obsequie ceassed at any time too the full, to perform the Plot his Honor had appoynted: So after supper waz thear a Play of a very good Theam presented, but so set foorth, by the Actours well handling, that pleazure and mirth made it seem very short, tho' it lasted too good ourz & more. But stay *Master Martyn*, all iz not doon yet.

After the Play, oout of hand folloed a most delicious and (if I may so terme it) an Ambrosiall Banket: whearof, whither I might more muze at the deintynesse, shapez, and the cost; or else at the variete and num-

ber of the dishes (that wear a three hundred) for my part I could littl tell them; and now less I assure yoo. Her *Majesty* eat smally or nothing: which understood; the Coorsez wear not so Orderly served and fizely set dooud, but wear by and by as disorderly wasted and coorsly consumed; more courtly me thought than curteously: But that was no part of the matter; moought it pleaz and be liked, and do that it cam for, then was all well inough.

Untoo this Banket thear was appoynted a Mask: for riches of Aray, of an incredibl cost: but the time so far spent, and very late in the night now, was cauz that it cam not foorth to the sheaw: And thus for *Sundayz* feason, having stayd yoo the longer, according to the matter, heer make I an cend: Ye maye breath yee a while.

Munday, 10. *Munday* the eyghteenth of this *July*, the Weather being hot, her highnes kept the *Castl* for coolnes, 'till about five a Clok, her *Majesty* in the Chase hunted the Hart (as afore) of fors: that whyther wear it by the cunning of the Huntsmen, or by the natural desyre of the Deer, or els by both; anon he
gat

gat him to soyl agayne, which reyzed the accustomed delight: a Pastime indeede so intyrelly pleazaunt, az whearof at times whoo may have the full and free fruition, can find no more facietee (I ween) for a Recreation, then of theyr good Viaundes at timez for their sustentation.

Well, the Game was gotten; and her Highnes returning, cam thear, upon a swimming Mermayd, (that from top too tayl waz an eyghteen foot long,) *Triton Neptune's* blaster: whoo, with his Trumpet foormed of a Wrinkld Wealk, az her *Majesty* waz in fight, gave soound very shrill & sonoroous, in sign he had an Ambassy too pronooouns. Anon her highnes was cummen upon the bridge, whearunto he made hiz Fish to swim the swifter; and he then declared——“How
 “ the supream falsipotent Monarch *Neptune*,
 “ the great *God* of the swelling Seas, Prins
 “ of Profunditees, and Sooverain Segnior of
 “ al Lakez, fresh Waterz, Riverz, Creekez
 “ and Goolphs; Understanding how a cruel
 “ *Knight*, one *Syr Bruce Sans Pitee*, a mortal
 “ Enemy untoo *Ladiz* of estate; had
 “ long lien about the banks of this Pool in
 “ wayt with his bands, heer to distrels the

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“ *Lady*

“ *Lady* of the *Lake*, whearby she hath been
 “ restrayned not only from having any use of
 “ her Ancient Liberty & territoriez in theeze
 “ parts; but also of making repayr and giving
 “ attendauns unto yoo Nobl *Queen* (quo’ he)
 “ az she woold; she promist, and also shoold;
 “ dooth therefoer signify, and heerto, of yoo
 “ az of his good Leag and deer freend make
 “ this Request, that ye will deyn but too
 “ sheaw yoor Parson toward this Pool;
 “ whearby yoor only prezents shall be mat-
 “ ter sufficient of abandoning this uncurtels
 “ *Knight*, and putting all his Bands too
 “ flight, and also deliveraunce of the *Lady*
 “ oout of this thralldom.”

Mooving heerwith from the Bridge, and
 fleeting more into the Pool, chargeth he in
Neptune’s name both *Eolus* with all his
 Windez, the Waterz with his Springez, his
 Fysh and Fooul, and all his Clients in the
 same, that they ne be so hardye in any fors
 to stir, but keep them Calm and quiet while
 this *Queen* be prezent. At which petition,
 her Highness staving, it appeerd straight
 hoow *Syr Bruce* became unseen, his Bands
 skaled, and the *Lady* by and by, with her
 two *Nymphs* floating upon her moovable
Ilands

Ilands (*Triton* on his Mermaid skimming by,) approached toward her highnes on the Bridge;—as well too declare that her *Majestiez* prezens hath so graciouſlie thus wrought her deliverauns, az allſo to excuze her not comming to Coourt az ſhe promiſt, and cheefly to preſent her *Majeſtie* (as a token of her Duty and good hart) for her highneſs recreation, with this Gift; which was *Arion* that excellent and famous Muzicien, in tyre and appointment ſtraunge well ſeeming too his Parſon, ryding aloſte upon his old freend the Dolphin, (that from hed too tayl waz a four and twenty foot long,) and ſwymd hard by theez *Ilands*. Heerwith, *Arion*, for theez great Benefitez, after a ſeaw well couched woords unto her *Majeſty* of thanksgiving, in ſupplement of the ſame; began a delectabl Ditty of a Song well apted to a melodious noiz; compounded of ſix ſeveral Inſtruments, all covert, caſting ſound from the Dolphin's belly within; *Arion*, the ſeaventh, ſitting thus ſinging (az I ſay) without.

Noow Syr, the Ditty in meeter ſo aptly endighted to the matter, and after by Voys ſo deliciously deliver'd; The Song, by a
ſkilfull

skilfull Artift into hiz parts fo sweetlie fort-
 ed; each part in his Instrumēt fo clean and
 sharpely touched; Every Instrumēt agayn
 in hiz kind fo excellently tunabl; and this
 in the Eevening of the day, resoounding from
 the Calmm Waters, whear prezens of her
Majesty, and longing to listen had utterly
 damped all noiz and din; the whole Armony
 conveyd in tyme tune and temper thus in-
 comparably Melodious; with what pleazure
 (*Master Martyn*) with what sharpness of
 Conceyt, with what lively delighte this
 mought pearce into the hearers harts; I
 pray ye imagin yoor self az ye may; for so
God judge me, by all the Wit and Cunning
 I have, I cannot exprefs, I promis yoo.
 “ Mais ieo bien vieu cela Monsieur, que
 “ forte grande est la pouvoyr qu’ avoit la
 “ tres nobl Science de Musique sur les esprites
 “ humains. Perceive ye me? I have told
 ye a great matter noow: As for me, sure-
 ly I was lull’d in such liking, and so loth too
 leave off, that mooch a doo a good while
 after, had I, to fynde me whear I waz.
 And take ye this by the way, that for the
 small Skyl in Muzik, that *God* hath sent
 me (ye kno it iz sumwhat) ile set the more
 by my self while my name is *Laneham*;
 and

and Grace a *God*, a Muzik iz a Nobl Art!

A, stay a while, see a short wit: by trooth *Knights made.*
 I had almost forgot. This daye waz a day
 of Grace beside, whearin wear avauuced
 five Gentlemen of woorshippe unto the de-
 gree of *Knighthood*; *Sir Thomas Cecyl*, sun
 and heyr untoo the right honorabl the *Lord*
Treazorer, *Syr Henry Cobham*, broother un-
 to the *Lord Cobham*, *Syr Thomas Stanhop*,
Syr Arthur Bassett, and *Syr Thomas Tresham*.
 and also, by her highnes accustomed mercy
 and charitee, nyne cured of the peynfull and
 daungerous defeaz called the *King's Evill*;
 for that *Kings* and *Queens* of this *Realm*,
 withoout oother medfin (save only by handl-
 ing prayerz) only doo cure it: Bear with
 me, tho' perchaunce I place not thoz Gentl-
 men in my recitall heer, after theyr estatez;
 for I am neyther good Heraud of Armes,
 nor yet kno hoow they are set in the Subsidy
 bookez: men of great woorship I under-
 stand they are all.

Tuisday, according to commaundement, *Tuisday, 11.*
 cam oour *Coventree* men. What their mat-
 ter was, of her highnes myrth and good ac-
 ceptauns, and Rewarde untoo them, and
 of

of their rejoyfing thearat, I fheawd you afore, and fo fay the lefs noow.

Wednefd. 12. *Wednesday* in the forenoon, preparacion was in hand for her *Majesty* to have fupt in
Now call'd Wedgenall, a three Myle west from the *Castl.*
Wedgnock park. A goodly Park of the *Queenz Majestiez*:
J. G. For that cauz a fair pavilion, and other provision accordingly thither fent and prepared: but by meanz of Weather not fo cleerly difpoted, the matter waz countermaunded again: That had her highnes hapned this daye too have cummen abrode, there was made reddy a Devife of *Godeffez & Nymphes*, which az well for the ingenious argument, az for the well handling of it in rime and endighting, woold undooutedly have gaind great lyking and mooved no lefs delight: Of the Particulariteez whearof I ceas to entreat, leaft like the boongling Carpentar, by mifforting the peece, I mar a good frame in the bad fetting up; or by my bad tempring afore hand, embleamifhe the beauty, when it fhould be rear'd up indeed. A This Day allfo waz thear fuch earneft talkk and appointment of remooving, that I gave over my Noteing, and harkened after my hors.

Mary

Mary fyr, I must tell yoo; Az all endeavour waz to moove mirth and Pastime (az I tolld ye:) Eeven so a ridiculoous De-
vise of an Auncient Minstrell and his Song, *The Minstrel.*
waz prepared to have been proffer'd, if meete
time and place had been foound for it. Ons,
in a woorshipful Company, whear, full ap-
pointed, he recoounted his matter in fort az
it should have been uttered, I chaunfed to
bee; what I noted, heer thus I tell yoo.

A Parson very meet seemed he for the pur-
poze; of a XLV years olld, apparelled part-
ly as he woold himself: Hiz Cap of hiz hed
seemly rounded tonster wyze; fayr kembd,
that with a spoonge deintly dipt in a littl
Caponz greas, waz finelye smoothed too
make it shine like a Mallards wing. hiz
beard smugly shaven; and yet his shyrt after
the nu trink, with ruffs fayr starched, sleek-
ed, and glistering like a payr of nu shooz:
Marshalld in good Order: wyth a stetting
stick, and stoout that every ruff stood up
like a wafer. A fide gooun of Kendal green,
after the freshnes of the year now; gather-
ed at the Neck with a narro gorget fastened
afore with a white clasp and a keepar close
up to the Chin, but easily for heat too un-
G doo

doo when he list: seemly begyrt in a red Caddiz gyrdl; from that, a payr of capped *Sheffield* knivez hanging a to side: Out of hiz bozom draune foorth a lappet of his Napkin, edged with a blu lace, and marked with a truloove, a hart, and *A. D.* for *Damian*: for he was but a bachelor yet.

His gooun had syde sleevez dooun to midlegge, slit from the shooulder too the hand, and lined with white Cotten. His dooblet sleevez of blak woorsted; upon them a payr of poynets of tawny Chamblet, laced a long the wraest wyth blu threedden points; a wealt toward the hand of fustian anapes: a payr of red neather stocks: a payr of Pumps on hiz feet, with a Crofs cut at the toze for Cornz; not nu indeede, yet cleanly blakt with foot, and shining az a shoing horn. About his Neck, a red rebond futabl to his girdl: His Harp in good grace dependaunt before him; his wraest tyed to a green lace and hanging by: Under the gorget of his goound a fayr flagon cheyn of Pewter, (for Sylver;) as a *Squire Minstrel* of *Middilsex*, that travaild the Cuntree thys soomer season unto Fayrz, and woorshipfull menz houzez. From hiz cheyn hoong a Schoochion, with met-
all

*a Wraest, is
a Tuneing ham-
mer, or turn-
Scree.*

all and cooler resplendant upon hiz breast,
 of the auncient Armes of *Islington*: Upon
 a question whearof, he, az one that waz well
 School'd, & could his lesson parfit withoout
 booke too aunswear at full, if question wear
 askt hym, declared: "How the woorship-
 " full Village of *Islington* in *Middelsex*, well
 " knoen too bee one of the most auncient
 " and best Toouns in *England* next *London*
 " at thiz day; for the feythfull freendship of
 " long time sheawed, az well at *Cookez* feast
 " in *Aldersgate-streete* yeerely upon *Holly*
 " *Rood* day, az allso at all solem Bridealez
 " in the Citie of *London* all the yeer after;
 " in well serving them of furmenty for por-
 " age, not oversod till it be too weak: of
 " Mylk for theyr flawnez, not pild nor chalk-
 " ed; of Cream for their Custardes, not froth-
 " ed nor thykned with floour: and of But-
 " ter for their Pastiez and Pye-paste, not
 " made of well Curds, nor gatherd of Whey
 " in soommer, nor mingled in Winter with
 " salt-butter watered or washt; did obteyn
 " long ago thez Woorshipfull Armez in
 " cooler and foorm az yee see: which are
 " The Arms, A field Argent, as the field and
 " groound indeed whearin the Milk-wives
 " of this woorthy Tooun, and every man

Islington Arms.

“ els in his faculty, doth trade for his liv-
 “ ing. On a fells tenny three Platez between
 “ three Milke tankerds proper. The three
 “ Milk Tankerds, az the proper Veffell
 “ whearin the subſtaunce and matter of their
 “ trade is too and fro transported. The
 “ fells tenny, which iz a cooler betokening
 “ dout and ſuſpition; ſo az ſuſpition and
 “ good heed taking, as wel to their Markets
 “ and Servants, as to their Customerz that
 “ they truſt not too farre; may bring unto
 “ them Platez, that iz Coynnd Sylver; three,
 “ that iz ſufficient and plentie; for ſo that
 “ Number in Armory may well ſignifie.

*The
 horn-ſpoons.*

“ For Creaſt, upon a Wad of Ote ſtrawe
 “ for a Wreath, a boll of ſurmenty: Wheat
 “ (az ye kno) iz the moſt precious Gift of
 “ *Ceres*; and in the miſt of it ſlicking, a
 “ doozen of horn-ſpoonz in a bunch, az the
 “ Inſtruments meeteſt too eate ſurmenty por-
 “ age wythall: a doozen, az a number of
 “ plenty compleat for full cheere or a Ban-
 “ ket; and of Horn, az of a ſubſtauns more
 “ eſtimabl then iz made for a great deel;
 “ beeing nether ſo churliſh in weight, az
 “ iz mettall; nor ſo froward and brittl to
 “ manure, as ſtone; nor yet ſo ſoily in uſe
 “ nor

“ nor roough to the lips, as wood is; but
 “ lyght, pliaunt, and smooth; that with a
 “ littl licking, wool alweyz be kept az
 “ clen az a dye. With yoor paciens *Gentle-*
 “ *men* (quoth the Minstrel) be it said; wear
 “ it not in deede that hornz bee so plentie,
 “ Hornware; I beleeve woold bee more set
 “ by than it iz; and yet ther arr in our parts
 “ that wyl not stick too avow, that many an
 “ honest man, both in Citee & Cuntree, hath
 “ had his hoouse by horning well upholden,
 “ and a daily freend allso at need: And
 “ this with your favour may I further
 “ affirm; a very ingenious Parson waz hee,
 “ that for dignittee of the stuff, coold thus by
 “ spooning devise to advauns the horn so
 “ neer to the Head. With great congruens
 “ also wear theez horn-spoonz put too the
 “ Wheat; az a token and porcion of *Cornu-*
 “ *copiae*, the horn of *Achelous*; which the Ovid. Meta-
 “ Maiades did fill with all good frutez, Corn morph. Lib. 9.
 “ and Grain; and after did consecrate unto
 “ aboundauns and plenty.

“ This Shoochion with Beastz, very aptly
 “ agreeing both to the Arms, and to the trade
 “ of the bearers; glorioously supported. Be-
 “ tween a gray Mare, (a beast meetest for
 “ carying

“ carying of Milk tankards) her pannell on
 “ her bak, az alwaies redde for servis at
 “ every Feast and Brideale at neede; her
 “ tayl splayd at most eaz; and her filly sole,
 “ fallow and flaxen mane after the fyre.

“ In the skro under-graven (quoth hee) iz
 “ thear a proper woord, an *Hemistichi*, well
 “ squaring with all the rest, taken out of
 “ *Salerns* chapter, of things that moost
Schola Salerni. “ noorish mans Body: *Lac, Caseus infans.*
 “ That iz, Good Milk, and young cheez.
 “ And thus mooch, *Gentlemen*, and pleaz you
 “ (quoth he) for the Armz of oour Woorthip-
 “ ful Tooun:” and thearwithall made a
 manerly leg, and so held hiz Pease.

Az the Cumpany pawzed, and the Min-
 strel seemde to gape after a prais for hiz
 Beau parlea: and bicauz he had renderd
 hiz lesson so well: Saiz a good fello of the
 Cumpany, “I am sory to see how mooch
 “ the poore Minstrel mistakes the matter;
 “ for indeed the Armez are thus:

“ Three Milk tankerds proper, in a fielde
 “ of cloouted Cream, three green cheesez
 “ upon a shealf of Cake-bread. The Fyr-
 “ menty

“menty boll and horn spoonz: cauz their
 “profit coms all by horned Beasts. Support-
 “ed by a Mare with a gald back, and thear-
 “fore still cooverd with a panniell, fisking
 “with her tail for flyez, and her filly Fole
 “neying after the Dam for suk. This woord
 “*Lac, Caseus infans*, that iz, a fresh Cheez
 “and Cream, and the common cry that
 “theeze Milk-wives make in *London* streets
 “yeerly betwixt *Easter* and *Whitfontide*:
 “and this iz the very matter I kno it well
 “enough: and so ended hiz Tale and fate
 “him dooun again.”

Heerat every man laught a good, save the
 Minstrell: that though the fooll wear made
 privy, all waz but for sport, yet too see him-
 self thus crost with a contrary kue that hee
 lookt not for, woold straight have ge'en
 over all; waxt very wayward, eager and
 foour: hoowbeit at laste, by sum entreaty,
 and many fair woordz, with sak and fuger,
 we sweetned him againe: and after he be-
 cam az mery az a Py. Appeerez then a
 fresh, in hiz ful formalitee with a lovely
 loock: After three lowlie cooursiez, cleer-
 ed his vois with a hem and reach, and spat
 oout withal; wiped hiz lips with the hollo
 of

of his hand, for fying hiz napkin, temperd
 a string or too with his wreaſt, and after a
 littl warbling on hiz Harp for a prelude,
 came foorth with a Sollem Song, warraunt-
 ed for ſtory oout of *King Arthur's* Acts; The
 firſt booke, and 26 Chapter; whearof I gate
 a Copy: And that iz this: viz.

*King Arthurs
 Book.*

[*The Minſtrell's Sonnett.*]

So it befell upon a Pentecoſt day,
 When *King Arthur* at Camelot kept Coourt rial,
 With his cumly *Queen* dame Gaynoour the gay,
 And many bolld Barons fitting in hall;
 Ladies apparaild in Purpl and Pall.
 When Herauds in hukes herried full by
 Largeſ Largeſ Chevaliers treſhardy.

A doouty Dwarf too the uppermoſt deas
 Right peartly gan prik, and kneeling on knee,
 With ſleeven full ſtoout amids all the preas,
 Said hail *Syr King*, *God* thee ſave and ſee;
King Ryens of *Northgalez* greeteth well thee,
 And bids that thy beard anon thou him ſend,
 Or els from thy jawz he will it of rend.

For his robe of ſtate, a rich ſkarlet mantell,
 With a leaven *Kings* beards bordred aboout,
 He hath made late, and yet in a cantell

Iz leaft a place the twelfth to make oout,
 Whear thien muft ftand bee thou never fo ftout;
 This muft bee doon I tell thee no fabl,
 Mawgre the poour of all thy round tabl.

When this mortal Message from hiz mouth waz pafte,
 Great waz the brute in Hall and in Boour,
 The *King* fumed, the *Queen* fhrieked, *Ladies* wear agaft,
Princes puft, *Barnz* bluftered, *Lordz* began too loour,
Knightz ftampt, *Squirez* ftartid az fteedz in a floour.
Yeemen and *Pages* yeald oout in the Hall,
 Thearwith cam in *Syr Kay* of *Senefhall*.

Sylens my fuffrainz quoth the courteyz *Knight*.
 And in that ftound the chearm becam ftill,
 The *Dwafs* dynner full deerly waz dight,
 For wine and wafte hee had at hiz will;
 And when he had eaten and fed hiz fill,
 One hundred peeces of coyned gould,
 Wear given the *Dwarf* for hiz message bolld.

Say too *Syr Ryens* thou *Dwarf* quoth the *King*,
 That for his proud message I him defy,
 And fhortly with bafins and panz will him ring
 Oout of *Northgalez*, whearaz hee and I
 With Swards and no razerz fhall utterly try
 Which of us both iz the better Barber:
 And thearwith, he fhook hiz fword *Excalaber*!

H. At

At this the Minstrell made a pauz and a curtezy, for primus pastus. More of the Song iz thear, but I gat it not. Az for the matter, had it cum to the Sheaw, I think the Fello would have handled it well ynoough.

Her Highness tarried at *Kyllingwoorth* tyll the *Wednesday* after, being the 27 of this *July*, and the *Nineteenth* (inlusive) of her *Majestiez* cumming thither. For which seven daiz, perceyving my notez so slenderly aunswering, I tooke it less blame too ceas, and thearof to write yoo nothing at al, then in such matterz to write nothing likely: And so mooch the rather, (az I have well bethooght me) that if I dyd but ruminate the dayz I have spoken of, I shall bring oout yet sumwhat moor meet for yoor appetite, (thoogh a deinty tooth have ye) which I beleve yoor tender stomach will brook well inoogh.

The Seavens.

Whearof part iz fyrst hoow according to her highnes name *Elizabeth*, which I heer say oout of the Hebru signifieth (amoong oother) the *Seaventh of my God*: diverz things heer, did soo justly in number square with the same. Az fyrst, her highness hither cumming

cumming in this seaventh moonth: then, prezedent with the seaven Prezents of the Seaven *Gods*: And after, with the Melody of the seaven sortd Muzik in the Dollphin, the Lake-Ladies gyft. Then too consider, how fully the *Gods* (az it seemed) had conspyred most magnificently in aboundauns too bestow theyr influencez and gyfts upon her court thear to make her *Majesty* merry.

Sage *Saturn* himself in parson (that by-
cauz of hiz lame leg could not so well stir) *Saturn, and Pallas.*
in chayr thearfore too take order with the grave Officerz of Household, holpen indeed with the good advise of hiz prudent Nees *Pallas*: That no unruly body or disquiet disturb the nobl assemblée, or els be ons so bolld too enter within the *Castl* gatez. Away with all rascalls, captivez, melancholik, waiward, froward, Conjurerz, and Usurers, and to have laborers and underwoork men for the beautifying of oney place, alwey at hand az they shoold be commaunded.

Jupiter sent Parsonages of hy honor and dignitee: *Barons, Lords, Ladies, Judges, Bishops, Lawyerz, Doctors*: With them, *Jupiter.*
Vertu, Noblness, equitee, Liberalitee, and
H₂ compassion;

compassion: due Seazon, and fayr weather: saving that at the petition of hiz deer sister *Ceres*, he graunted a day or two of sum sweet shoourz, for rypening of her Corn that waz so well set, and too set forward Harvest. Heerwith, bestoed he such plenty of pleazaunt Thunder, Lightning, and thunderbolts, by his halting sun and fyermaster *Vulcan*, still fresh and fresh framed: alweyz so frequent, so intellabl, and of such continuauns in the spending (az I partly tolld ye) consumed, that surely he seemz to be az of Poor inestimabl: so, in store of municion, unwaftabl; for all *Ovid's* censure, that saiz

Si quoties peccant homines sua fulmina mittat

Jupiter, exiguo tempore inermis erit,

If *Jove* shoold shoot his Thunderbolts az oft az men offend,
Assure you iz Artillary wold soon be at at an end!

What a number of Estatez and of Nobiltee had *Jupiter* assembled thear, gels ye by thys, that of fort woorshipfull thear wear in the coourt dayly aboove fourty, whearof the meyenest, of a thouzand mark yeerly revenu, and many of mooch more. This great gyft byside, did hiz deitee cast upon her highnes, too have fayr and seazonabl weather at her ooun appointment; According whearunto her *Majesty* so had. For her gracious prezens thearfore with this great gift indewed,
Lichfeeld,

Lichfeeld, Worceter, and Middelton, with manye places mo, made humbl fute untoo her highnes too cum: too fuch whearof az her *Majesty* coold, it cam, and they feazon acceptabl.

Phæbus, bifeide his continuall and moft delicious Muzik, (az I have toold yoo) appointed he Princes too adourn her highnes Coourt, Coounfelerz, Herauds, and fanguine Youth, pleazaunt & mery, coftlye garments, learned Phizicianz, and no need of them.

Phæbu.

Juno, Golld Cheynez, Ouchez, Jewels of gret price and rich attire, woorn in mooch grace, and good befeeming, without pryde, or emulation of ony.

Juno.

Mars, Captainz of good Conduet, Men skylfull in feats of Armz, pollitik in ftrata-gems, good Coorage in good Quarelz, Valiant and Wizehardy: abandoning pikquarrells and ruffians: appoynting alfo purfyvaunts, Currars, and Pofts, ftill feeding her highnes with Nuze and intelligencez from all parts.

Mars.

Venus, Untoo the Ladiez & Gentlwemen, Beauty, good favor, Cumlinefs, galant attyre, dauncing with cumly grace, fweet vois in fong & pleazaunt talk, with exprefs commaundment and charge untoo her funn on
her

Venus.

her Blessing, that he shoot not a shaft in the Court all the while her highnes remayned at *Killingwoorth*.

Mercuri. *Mercury*, Learned men in Sciences, Poets, Merchants, Painterz, Karverz, Playerz, Engynerz, Devyserz, and dexteritee in handling of all pleazaunt attempts.

Luna. *Luna*, Calm nights for quiet rest, and sylver moonshine, that nightly in deed shone for most of her *Majestiez* beeing thear.

Plutus. Blind *Plutus*, Bags of Moony, Custumerz, Exchaungers, Bankers, store of riches in Plate and in Coyn.

Bacchus. *Bacchus*, Full Cups every whear, every oour, of all Kynds of Wyne. Thear waz no deintee that the Sea could yeeld, but

Neptune. *Neptune* (thoough his Reign at the neereſt ly well ny a hundred mile of) did dayly send in great plenty, sweet and freash. As for freash-water fish, the store of all sorts waz abundaunt.

Ceres. And hoow bountifull *Ceres* in provizion waz, gefs ye by this, that in lytel more then a three dayz space, 72 tunn of Ale and Beer was pycpt up quite: what that mighte whilst with it of Bread beside Meat, I report me to yoo: and yet *Master Controller*, *Master Coserar*, and diverz Officers of the Court,

ſum

sum honorabl, and fundrye right woorshipfull placed at *Warwik*, for more rooom in the *Castl*. But heer waz no ho *Master Martin* in devoout drinking allwey; that brought lak unlookt for; whiche being knoen too the Woorshipfull my *Lords* good Neighboorz, cam thear in a too dayz space, from sundry friendz, a releef of a XL Tunn, 'till a nu supply waz gotten agayn: and then too oour drinking a freshe az fast az ever we did.

Flora, Abrode and within the hoouse, ministred of Flourz so great a quantitee, of such sweet Savoor, so beautifully hued, so large and fayr proporcion, and of so straunge kindez and shapez, that it waz great pleasure too see: and so mooch the more, az thear waz great store yet counterfet, and foormed of featherz by Art; lyke glorious too the sheaw az wear the naturall.

Flora.

Portheus, Hiz Tumbler that coold by nimblness cast himself into so many foorms and facionz.

Portheus.

Pan, His merry morrys dauns with theyr Pype and taber.

Pan.

Bellona, Her Quintine knights, and proper Bickerings of the *Coventree* men.

Bell n

Polyphemus, *Neptunez* fun and heyr: (let him I pray, and if it be but for his father's sake

Polyphemus.

fake, and for hiz good will, be allowed for a *God*,) with his Bearz, his Bearwhealps and Bandogs.

Aeolus. *Aeolus*, Holding up hiz Windz, while her Highnes at any tyme took pleazure on the Water, and staying of Tempests during a bode heer.

Sylvanus. *Sylvanus*, Beside hiz plentifull provizion of fooul for deynty Viaunds, his pleazaunt and sweet singing Byrds: whearof I will sheaw yoo more anon.

Echo. *Echo*, Her well endighted Dialog.

Faunus. *Faunus*, His Jolly Savage.

Genius loci. *Genius loci*, His tempring of all things within and without, with apt time and place to pleazure and delight.

Charites. Then the three *Charites*: [or Graces?] *Aglaia*, with her lightsum gladnes. *Thulia*, her floorishing freshnes, *Euphrosyne*, her cheerfulnes of Spirite, and with these three *Concordia*, with her Amitee and good agreement. That too hoow great effects their poours wear poured oout hear among us, let it bee judged by this, that by a multytude thus met of a three or foour thousand every day: and diverz dayz more, of so sundry degreez, professionz, Agez, Appetytz, dispositions

pozitions and affectionz; such a drifte of tyme waz thear passed, with such amitee, loove, pastime, agreement, and obediens whear it shoold; and without Quarrell, jarring, grudging, or (that I could hear) of yll woord between any. A thing *Master Martin* very rare and straunge, and yet no more straunge then tru.

The *Parcæ*, (as earst I shoold have said) *The Parcæ*
 the first night of her *Majestiez* cumming, they heering and seeing so precious ado heer at a place unlookt for, in an uplondish Cuntree so far within the Ream: preassing intoo every steed whear her highnes went, whear-by so duddld with such varietee of delyghts, did set aside their Hufwifrye, and could not for their harts tend their Work a whyt. But after they had seen her *Majesty* a bed, gat them a prying into every place: Olld Hags! az fond of Nuelltiez, az yoong girls that had never seen Coourt afore: but neyther full with gazing, nor weary with gadding; least off yet for that time, and at high midnight gate them gigling, (but not a looud) into the prezens chamber: minding indeed with their present diligens, too recompens their former slaknes.

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So,

So, - setting themselfez thus dooun too their woork, Alas! Sayz *Atropos*, I have lost my Sheerz: *Lachesis* laught apace and woold not draw a threed: And think ye damez that ile hoold the distaff, whyle both ye sit idle? why no, by my Moother's soll quoth *Clotho*. Thearwith fayr lapt in a fine lawn the Spindel and rok, that waz dizend with pure purpl fylk, layd they safely up toogyther: That other *Majestiez* distaff, for an eighteen dayz, thear waz not a thread Spoon I assure you. The too Syfters after that (I hard say) began their woork again that long may they continu: but *Atropos* hard no tyding of her Sheers, and not a man that moned her los. Shee iz not beloved surely; for this can I tell yoo, that whither it bee for hate too the Hag, or loove to her Highness, or els for both; every man prayz *God* she may never find them for that woork, and so pray I daily and duly with the devoute. .

Thus partly ye perceyve now, hoow greatly the *Gods* can do for mortals, and hoow mooch alwey they loove whear they like: that what a gentl *Jove* waz thys, thus curteosly too contrive heer such a treyn of
Gods?

Gods? Nay then rather *Master Martin* (to cum oout of oour Poeticaliteez, and too talk no more serioous tearms,) what a magnificent *Lord* may we justly account him, that cold so highli cast order for such a *Jupiter* and all hiz *Gods* besid: That none with hiz influens, good property or prezent wear wanting; but alweiz redy at hand, in such order and aboundans for the honoring and delight of so high a Prins, oour most gracious *Queen* and Soverain. A Prins (I say) so singuler in preeminence, and worthines aboove al other Princez and digniteez of oour time: though I make no comparison too yearz past, to him that in this point, either of ignorauns,—(if any such can be,) or els of malevolens woold make any doout: fit liber Indez (as they say) let him look on the matter, and aunswer himself, he haz not far to travell.

Az for the amplitude of his *Lordships* mynde, albeit that I poor foll can in conceit no more attain untoo, then judge of a Gem whearof I have no skill: ye, though dayly worn and resplendant in myne Ey: Yet sum of the Vertuze and propertiez thearof, in quantitee or qualitee so apparaunt az can-

not be hidden but seen of all men, moought
I be the boolder to reoport hereunto yoo: but
as for the valu, yoor jewellers by their carrets
let them cast and they can.

*Kenelworth
Castle
describ'd.*

And fyrst, who that considerz untoo the
Stately feat of *Kenelwoorth Castl*, the rare
beauty of Bilding that hiz Honor hath a-
vaunced; all of the hard quarry stone; every
room so spacioous, so well belighted, and so
hye roofed within: so seemly too sight by
due proportion without: a day tyme on
every side so glittering by glasse; a nights,
by continuall brightnesse of Candel, fyre,
and torch-light transparent thro the lyght-
som wyndoz, az it wear the *Egyptian Pharos*
relucent untoo all the *Alexandrian Coast*;
or els, (too talke merily with my mery freend,)
thus radiaunt, az though *Phæbus* for hiz eaz
woold rest him in the *Castl*, and not every
night so to travel dooun untoo the *Antipodes*.
Heertoo so fully furnisht of rich Apparell and
Utenfilez apted in all pointes to the best.

The Garden.

Untoo thiz, hiz honorz exquisit appoint-
ment of a beautiful Garden, an Aker or
more of quantitee, that lyeth on the North
thear: Whearin hard all along the *Castl*
wall

wall iz reared a pleazaunt Terras of a ten
 foot hye, and twelve brode; eeven under
 foot, and fresh of fyne Grafs; az is also the
 syde thearof toward the Gardien, in whiche,
 by fundry equall-distaunce: With Obelisks
 and sphearz, and white Bearz, all of stone
 upon theyr curioous basez, by goodly shew
 wear set: too theez, too fine arbers redolent
 by sweet trees and floourz, at ech end one,
 the garden plot under that, with fayr alleyz
 green by grafs, eeven voided from the bor-
 derz a both sydez, and sum (for chaunge)
 with sand, not light or too soft or soilly by
 dust, but smooth and fyrme, pleasaunt too
 walk on, az a sea-shore when the Water iz
 availd: then, much gracified by du pro-
 porcion of four eeven quarterz: In the midst
 of each, upon a base a two foot square, and
 hye, seemly borderd of it self, a square
 pilasterizing pyramidally of a fyfteen foot
 hye: Simmetrically peerced through from
 a foot beneath, untill a too foot of the top:
 whearupon, for a Capitell, an Orb of a ten
 inches thik: Every of theez, (with hiz
 base,) from the ground too the top, of one
 hole peece; heawen out of hard porphiry,
 and with great art and heed (think me) thy-
 ther conveyd and thear erected. Whearat,
 further

further allso, by great cast and cost, the sweetnes of favour on all sidez, made so respiraunt from the redolent plants and fragrant earbz and flooz, in foorm, cooler, and quantitee so deliciously variant; and frute treez bedecked with their Applz, Peares and ripe Cherryez.

*The Cage, or
Lair.*

And unto theez, in the midst, agaynst the Terres, a square Cage, sumptuous and beautifull, joyned hard to the north wall (that a that side gards the Garden, as the Gardein the *Castl*) of a rare form and excellency was reyzed: in heyth a twentye foot, thyrtie long, and a foourteen brode. From the ground strong and close, reared breast hye, whearat a soyl of a fayr moulding was couched all aboout: from that upward, foour great Wyndoz a froont, and too at each eend, every one a five foot wyde az many mo eeven above them, divided on all parts by a tranfam and architrave, so likewise raunging aboout the Cage. Each Windo arched in the top, and parted from oother eeven distauns by flat fayr bolteld columns, all in foorm and beauty like, that supported a cumly cornish couched al along upon the bole square. Which with a wire
net,

net, finly knit, of mashez fix square, an inch wide (az it wear for a flat roof) and likewise the space of every Windo with great cunning and cumlines, eeuen and tight waz all over-strained. Under the Cornish again, every part beautified with great Diamons, Emerauds, Rubyes, and Saphyres: poynted, tabld, rok and roo, and garnisht with their golld, by skilful hed and hand, and by toile and pensil so lyvely exprest, az it mought bee great marveil and pleazure to consider how neer excellency of Art could approch untoo perfection of Nature.

Bear with me good cuntreeman, though thingez be not sheeawd heer az well az I woold, or az well az they shoold. for indeed I can better imagin and conceyve that I see, then well utter or duly declare it. Holecz wear thear also and caverns in orderly distauns and facion, voyded intoo the wall az well for heat, for coolnes, for roost a nightz and refuge in weather, az allso for breeding when tyme iz. More, fayr eeuen and fresh hollye treez for pearching & proining, set within, tooward each eend one.

Heerto, their diversitee of meats, their
fine

fine several vessels for their water and fundry grainz; and a man skilful & diligent to looke to them and tend them.

But shall I tell yoo the silver soounded Lute, withoout the sweet tooch of hand: the glorioous goollden cup, withoout the fresh fragrant wine, or the rich ring with gem, without the fayr feawtered finger; is nothing indeed in his proper grace and use: even so his Honor accounted of this Mansion, 'till he had plast thear tenauntes according. Had it thearfore replenishte with lively Burdz, *English, French, Spanish, Canarian,* and (I am deceived if I saw not sum) *African*. Whearby, whither it becam more delightsum in chaunge of tunez, and armony too the Eare; or els in differens of coolerz, kindez, and propertyez too the Ey, Ile tell yoo If I can, when I have better bethought me.

The Gardiner. One day (*Master Martin*) az the Gardin door waz open, and her highnes a hunting, by licens of my good freend *Adrian*, I cam in at a bek, but woold skant oout with a thrust: for sure I waz loth so soon to depart. Well may this (*Master Martyn*) bee sumwhat

too magnitude of mynde, but more thearof
 az ye shall kno, more cauz ye shall have so
 to think: heer out what I tell yoo, and tell
 me when we meet.

In the Center (az it wear) of this goodly
 Gardein, waz theer placed a very fayr
 Foountain, cast intoo an eight square, rear- *The Fountain.*
 ed a four foot hye; from the midst whear-
 of a colum up set in shape of too Athlants
 joined togeather a back half; the toon lock-
 ing East, toother West, with theyr hands
 uphollding a fayr formed Boll of a three foot
 over; from wheance fundrye fine Pipez
 did lively distill continuall streamz intoo the
 receyt of the foountayn,—maiteyned still
 too foot deep by the same fresh falling Water:
 whearin pleazaunly playing too and fro,
 and round about, Carp, Tench, Bream, and
 for Varietee, Pearch and Eel, fish fayr lik-
 ing all, and large: In the top, the ragged
 Staff; which, with the Boll, the Pillar, and
 eyght fidez beneath, wear all heawen oout
 of rich and hard white marbl. A one syde,
Neptune wyth hiz Tridental Fuskin triumph-
 ing in his Throne, trayled into the Deep by
 his marine horsez. On another, *Thetis* in
 her Chariot drawn by her Dolphins. Then
 K *Triton*

Triton by hiz Fishez. Heer *Protheus* herding
 hiz Sea buls. Thear *Doris* and her doughterz
 solacing a sea & sandz. The Wavez soourg-
 ing with froth and fume, entermengled in
 place, with Whalez, Whirlpoolz, Sturgeonz,
 Tunneyz, Conchs, and Wealks, all engraven
 by exquisit devize and skill, so az I maye
Metam. 2. thinke this not much inferioour untoo *Phæbus*
 gategz, which (*Ovid* sayz) and peradventur
 a pattern to this, that *Vulcan* himself dyd
 cut: whearof such waz the excellency of
 Art, that the woork in valu surmoounted the
 stuff, and yet wer the gategz all of clean
 massy sylver.

Heer wear thinges ye see moought inflame
 ony mynde too long after looking: but whoo
 so was found so hot in desyre, with the
 wreaft of a cok waz sure of a coolar: water
 spurting upward with such vehemency, az
 they shoold by and by be moystned from top
 too toe; the Hee's to sum laughing, but the
 shee's to more sport: This sumtime waz
 Occupied to very good pastime.

A Garden then so appoynted, az whear-
 in aloft upon sweet shadoed walk of terras,
 in heat of soomer, too feel the pleazaunt
 whilking

whilking wynde above, or delectabl coolnes
of the fountaine spring beneath: to taste of
delicious Strawberiez, Cherryez, and oother
frutez, eeven from their stalks: too smell
such fragrancie of sweet Odoourz, breathing
from the plants, earbs and flooz: too heer
such natural melodious muzik and tunez of
burdz: to have in Ey, for myrth sumtime
theez underspringing streamz: then, the
Woods, the Waters, (for both pool and
chase wer hard at hand in sight,) the Deer,
the Peepl (that oout of the East arber in the
base Court, also at hande in view) the frute
trees, the plants, the earbs, the floozers,
the chaunge in coolerz, the Burds flyttering,
the fountain streaming, the Fysh swimmyng,
all in such delectabl varietee order dignitee;
whearby, at one moment, in one place, at
hande, without travell, to have so full fruition
of so many *God's* blessinges, by entyer de-
light unto all sensez (if al can take) at once:
for *Etymon* of the woord woorthey to bee
calld *Paradys*: and though not so goodly as
as *Paradis* for want of the fayr Rivers, yet
better a great deel by the lak of so unhappy
a tree. Argument most certein of a right
noble mynde, that in this sorte could have
thus all contrived.

Paradisus
Græc.

Hortus

amænish. aut

Hebrae. Pardes

idest Hortus.

But *Master Martin*, yet one wyndless must
 I featch, too make ye one more fayr coorz
 and I can: and cauz I speak of One, let me
 tell yoo a littl of the dignitee of One-hood;
 whearin allweys al by Deitee al Soveraintee,
 preeminens, principalitee and concord with-
 oout possibilittee of disagreement is conteyn-
 ed: As One God, One Savioour, One
 Feith, One Prins, One Sun, One Phœnix;
 and az One of great Wizdom Sayz, One
 hart, One Wey. Whear One-hood reinz,
 ther quiet bears rule, and discord fliez a pase.
 Three again may signify cumpany; a meet-
 ing, a multitude, pluralitee; so az all talez
 and numbrings from two unto three, and so
 upward, may well be counted numberz,
 till they moount untoo infinitee, or els too
 confusion, which thing the sum of two can
 never admit; nor it self can well be coount-
 ed a number, but rather a freendly con-
 junction of two Ones; that keeping in a
 synceritee of accord, may purport untoo us
 Charitee each too Other; mutual Love, agree-
 ment and integritee of freendship without
 Dissimulation. Az in theez: The two Testa-
 ments; the Two tables of the Law; The
 Two great Lights, Duo luminaria magna,
 the Sun and Moon. And, but mark a littl
 I pray

*The Number
 One.*

I pray, and see how of all things in the World, our toongs in talk doo always so redily trip upon Two's, Payrs, and Couples: Sumtyme az of things in Equality, sumtime, of Differens, Sumtime of Contrariez, or for Comparyzon, but cheefly for the most part, of things that between themselves do well agree, and are fast linked in Amittee: Az fyrst for Pastimez Hooundz and Hawks; Deer red and fallo; Hare and Fox; Part-rich and Fezaunt; Fish and Fooul; Carp and Tench. For Wars, Speer and Sheeld; Hors and Harnes; Swoord and Buckler. For Sustenauns, Wheat and Barley; Peas and Beanz; Meat and Drink; Bread and Meat; Beer and Ale; Applz and Pearz.

But least by such Dualitecz I draw you too far; let us here stay and cum neerer home. See what a sort of freendlie *Binitee's* we oour selvez do consist and stond upon: Fyrst our Two feet, Two Legs, Two knceez, so upward: and Above, Two Shoolderz, Two Arms, and Two Hands. But cheefly oour principl Two; that iz, Body and Soll: Then in the Hed, whear all our Sensez meet, and almost all in Two's: Two Nozethrills, Two Earz, and Two Eyz: So ar we of
freendly

freendly Two's from top to'toe. Wel, to this Number of *Binitee's*, take ye One mo for an Upshot, and heer an eend.

The 2 Dials. Two Dials nye unto the Battilments are set aloft upon two of the Sydes of *Cæsar's* Tower; one East, the oother South; for so stond they best to sheaw the Hoourz to the Tocun and Cuntree: both fayre large and
also Bise. rich, by byse for ground, and Goold for letters, whearby they glitter conspicuous a great wey off. The Clok-bell that iz good and shrill, waz commaunded to Silens at first, and indeed sang not a note all the while her Highness waz thear, the Clok stood allso still withall. But mark now, whither wear it by chauns, by constellation of Stars, or by fatal appoyntment (if fatez and Starz do deal with Dialz) thus waz it indeed: The handz of both the tablz stood firm and fast,
The Dials
at 2 a Clock. allweys pointing at two a Clok. Which thing beholding by hap at fyrst; but after seriously marking in deed, enprinted into me a deep sign and argument certein: That this Thing amoong the rest, waz for full Signifiauns of his *Lordships* honorabl, frank, freendly, and nobl hart towards all Estates: which whither cum they to stay and take
 cheer,

cheer, or straight to return: to see, or to be seen: Cum they for Duty to her *Majesty*, or loove too his *Lordship*, or for both: Cum they early or late: for hiz *Lordships* part, they cum allweyz all at two a Clok, een jump at two a Clok: that iz to say, in good harte, good acceptauns, in amitee and freendlye wellcoom: who saw els that I saw, must say az I say. For so many things byside----*Master Humphrey*, wear heerin so consonant unto my construction, that this pointing of the Clok (to my self) I took in amitee, as an Oracle certain. And heer is my wyndless, like yoor coorse az pleaz ye.

But noow Syr too cum too eend. For receyving of her Highness, and entertainment of all thooother estatez. Syns of Delicatez that oney wey moought fewe or delight; az of Wyne, Spice deynty Viaunds, place Muzik, Ornaments of hoous, rich Arras and Sylk (too say nothing of the meaner thinges) the mafs by provizion waz heaped so hoouge, which the boounty in spending did after bewray. The conceit so deep in casting the plat at first. such a wisdom and cunning in acquiring things so rich, so rare, and in such abundauns: by so
imminent

imminent and profuse a charge of Expens,
 whiche by so honorabl servis, and exquisit
 Order, curteizy of Officerz, and humanitee
 of all, wear so bountifully bestoed and spent;
 what may this expres, what may this set
 oout untoo us, but only a magnifyk minde,
 a singuler wizdoom, a princly purs, and an
 heroical hart? If it wear my theam *Master
 Martyn*, too speak of hiz *Lordships* great
 honor and magnificens, though it be not in
 mee too say sufficientlie, az bad a pen-clark
 az I am, yet could I say a great deel more.

But being heer now in magnificens, and
 matterz of greatnes, It falls well too mynd
 the great Tent. the greatnes of his Honor's Tent, that for
 her *Majestyez* dining waz pighte at long
Ichington, the day her Highnes cam to
Killingworth Castl. A Tabernacl indeed for
 number and shift of large and goodlye roomz,
 for fayr and eazy Officez both inward and
 coutward, al so likesum in order and Ey-
 sight: that justly for dignitee may be com-
 parabl with a beautifull Pallais; and for
 greatnes & quantitee, with a proper Tooun,
 or rather a Cittadell. But to be short, leaste
 I keep you too long from the Ryall Ex-
 chaunge noow, and too cauz yoo conceyve
 mooche

Deut. 3.

And great az it waz (to marshall oour matters of greatnes together,) not forgetting a Weather at *Grafton*, brought too the Coourt, that for body and wool waz exceeding great; the meazure I tooke not; let me shew you with what great marvel a great Chyld of *Leycetershire*, at this long *Ichington*, by the Parents waz prezented: great (I say) of limz and proportion, of a foour foot and foour inches hye; and els lanuginooous az a lad of eyghteen yearz, being indeed——avowd too be but six yeer old; nothing more bewraying hiz age, then hiz wit; that waz, az for thooz yeers simpl and childish.

Terent.

ing, woon with all forts to bee in such re-
Blas. verens az De quo mentiri fama veretur: In
 synceritee of freendship so great, az no man
Ovid. more devooutly woorships. Illud amicitiae
 sanctum & venerabile nomen. So great in
 Liberalitie, az hath no wey to heap up the
 mafs of hiz Trezure, but only by liberal gyv-
 ing and boonteous bestowing hiz trezure:
 folding (az it seemez) that saw of Martial that
 sayth,

Martial.

Extra fortunam est, quicquid donatur amicis;

Quas dederis, solas semper habebis opes.

Oout of all hazerd do'st thou set that to thy freends thou givest:
 A surer Trezure canst thou not have ever whyle thou lyvest.

what may theez greatnesfes bode, but only az
 great honor, fame & renoun for theez parts
 heer away, az ever waz untoo thoz two nobl
 Greatz: the *Macedonian Alexander* in *Emathia* or *Grees*, or to *Romane Charles* in *Ger-
 manye* or *Italy*? which, wear it in me ony
 way to set oout, no man of all men by *God*
 (*Master Martin*) had ever more cauz, and
 that heerby confider yoo.

It pleazed hiz Honor to beare me good
 wil at fyrst, and so too continu. To have
 given me apparail eeven from hiz bak, to
 get me allowauns in the Stabl, to advauns
 me

me untoo this woorshipful Office so neer the
 most honorabl Councell, to help me in my
 Licens of Beanz (though indeed I do not
 so much uze it, for I thank *God* I need not)
 to permit my good *Father* to serve the stabl.
 Whearby I go now in my fylks, that else
 might ruffl in my cut Canves: I ryde now
 a hors back, that els many timez mighte
 mannage it a foot: am knoen to their honors,
 and taken foorth with the best; that els
 might be bidden to stand bak my self: My
 good *Father* a good releef, that hee farez
 mooch the better by, and none of theez for
 my dezert, eyther at fyrst or sins, *God* he
 knoez. What say ye my good freend *Humphrey*,
 shoold I not for ever honor, extol
 him all the weys I can? Yes, by your leave,
 while *God* lends me poour to utter my minde.
 And, having az good cauz of hiz Honor,
 az *Virgil* had of *Augustus Cæsar*, will I poet
 it a littl with *Virgil*, and say

Namque erit Ille mihi semper Deus, illius aram

Sæpe tener nostris ab Ovilibus imbuet agnus.

For he shall be a *God* to me, 'till death my life consumes,
 Hiz Auterz will I Sacrifize with incens and parfumez.

A singlar patron of humanitee may he be
 well unto us towarde all degreez: of Honour,
 toward hye Estates, and cheeflye whearby
 we may learne in what dignitee, worship and

reverens her Highnes is to be esteemed,
 honored and received, that waz never indeed
 more condignly done than heer; so az ney-
 ther by the Builders at first, nor by the Edict
 of pacification after, waz ever *Kenelworth*
 more nobled, than by thys hiz *Lordship's*
 1266
An. 50. Hen. 3. receiving hir Highnes heer now.

But *Jesu Jesu* whither am I drawen noow.
 But tallk I of my *Lord* onz, een thus it farez
 with me: I forget all my freends, and my
 self too. And yet yoo, being a Mercer, a
 Merchant, az I am: My Cuntreeman born,
 and my good freend withall, whearby I kno
 ye are compassiond with me: methought it
 my part sumwhat to impart unto yoo, hoow
 it iz heer with me, and hoow I lead my life,
 which indeed iz this. viz.

A Mornings I rize ordinarily at seaven a
 Clok: Then reddy, I go intoo the Chappell:
 soon after eyght, I get me commonly intoo
 my *Lord's* Chamber, or intoo my *Lords*
 prezidents. Thear at the Cupboord after I
 haven eaten the Manchet, served over night
 for livery, (for I dare be az bolld, I promis
 yoo, az any of my freends the Servaunts
 thear: and indeed coold I have fresh, if I
 woold

woold tarry, but I am of woont jolly and dry a mornings:) I drink me up a good bole of Ale: when in a sweet Pot it iz defecated by al night's standing, the drink iz the better, take that of me: and a morsel in a Morning, with a sound draught, is very holosome and good for the Ey-sight: Then I am az fresh all the forenoon after, az had I eaten a hole pees of beaf. Noow Syr, If the councell fit, I am at hand; wait at an inch I warrant yoo: If any make babling, "peas (say I) woot ye whear ye are? If I take a lystenar, or a pryer in at the chinks or at the lok-hole, I am by and by in the bones of him: But now they keep good order, they kno me well inough: If a be a freend or such a one az I lyke; I make hym sit dooun by me on a foorm or a cheast: let the rest walk a *God's* name.

And heer doth my langages now and than stond me in good sted: My *French*, my *Spanish*, my *Dutch*, and my *Latten*: Sum-time amoong Ambassadours men, if their Master be within with the Councel: Sum-time with the Ambassador himself, if he bid call his lacky, or ask me what's a Clok; and I warrant ye I aunswer him roundly; that they

they marvel to see such a fellow thear: then laugh I and say nothing. Dinner and Supper I have twenty placez to go to, and hartly prayd to: Sumtime get I to *Master Pinner*; by my faith a worshipfull Gentleman, and az careful for hiz charge az ony her highnes hath: thear find I allways good Store of very good Viaunds; we eat and bee merry, thank *God* & the *Queen*. Himself in feeding very temperat & moderat az ye shall see ony: and yet, by your leave, of a dish, as a Colld Pigeon or so, that hath cum to him at meat more than he lookt for, I have seen him een so by and by Surfit, az he hath pluct off hiz Napkin, wypt his knife, and eat not a morsel more: lyke ynoough to sticke in hiz stomake a two dayz after: (sum hard message from the higher Officers; perceive ye me?) Upon searck, hiz faithful dealing and diligens hath found him fautles.

In afternoons and a nights, sum time am I with the right woorshipfull *Sir George Howard*, az good a Gentlman az ony livez: And sumtime, at my good *Lady Sidneis* Chamber, a Noblwooman that I am az mooch bound untoo, az ony poore man maye be untoo so gracyoous a Lady:
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and sumtime in sum oother place. But
 alwayez among the Gentlwemen by my
 good will; (O, yee kno that cum alweyez
 of a gentle Spirite:) And when I see cum-
 pany according, then can I bee az lyvely too:
 Sumtime I foote it with Dauncing: noow
 with my Gittern, and els with my Cittern,
 then at the Virgynalz: Ye kno nothing cums
 amisse to mee: Then Carroll I up a Song
 withall: That by and by they cum flocking
 about me lyke Beez too hunny: And ever
 they cry, anoother, good *Langham*, anoother!
 Shall I tell yoo? when I see *Misterz*
 ——(A, see a mad Knave; I had almost
 tolde all!) that she gyvez onz but an Ey,
 or an Ear: why then, Man, am I blest; my
 grace, my corage, my cunning is doobled:
 She sayz, Sumtime, She likez it; and then I
 like it mooch the better; It dooth me good to
 heer hoow well I can doo. And too say truth;
 what with myne Eyz, az I can amorooously
 gloit it, with my *Spanish* Sospires, my *French*
Heighes, mine *Italian* dulcets, my *Dutch*
hovéz, my doobl releas, my hye reaches, my
 feyning, my deep Diapason, my wanton
 warblz, my running, my tyming, my tuning,
 and my twynkling, I can gracify the matters
 az well az the prowdest of them, and waz
 yet

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yet never flaynd I thank *God*: By my troth, Cuntreman, it iz sumtim by midnight, e'er I can get from them. And thus have I told ye most of my Trade, al the leeve long daye: what will ye more, *God* save the *Queen*, and my *Lord*. I am well I thank yoo.

Heerwith ment I fully to bid ye farewell, had not this doubt cum to my minde, that heer remains a doout in yoo, which I ought (methought) in any wyze to cleer. Which, iz, Ye marvel perchauns to see me so bookish. Let me tell yoo, in few woords: I went to School, forsooth, both at *Pollez*, and allso at *Saint Antoniez*: In the fifth foorm, past *Esop* fabls, I wys, (and) red *Terens*, vos istæc intro auferte, and began with my *Virgill* Tytire tu patulæ. I coold my rules conster and pars with the best of them fyns: Then, as partly ye kno, have I traded the feat of Marchaundize in fundry Cuntreys, and so gat me Languages: which do so littl hinder my *Latten*, az (I thank God) have mooch encreast it. I have leizure sumtime, when I tend not upon the Councell; whearby, now look I on one book, noow on an other. Storiez I delight in: the more auncient and rare, the more like-sum unto me: If I tolld ye,

ye, I lyked *William a Malmesbery* so well, bicauze of hiz diligenz and antiquitee, perchauns ye woold conster it bicauz I love *Mamzey* so well: But I feith it iz not so: for sipt I no more Sak and Suger, (and yet never but with company,) then I do *Malmzey*, I shoold not blush so mooch a dayz az I doo: ye kno my minde.

Well noow, thus fare ye hartily well yfeith: If with wishing it coold have bin, ye had had a Buk or two this soomer; but we shall cum neerer shortly, and then shall we merreley meet and grace o' God. In the mean time, commend me I beseech yoo; unto my good freends, almost most of them yoor Neighbourz: *Master Allderman Pullison*, a special freende of mine: And in ony wise too my good old freend *Master Smith*, Custumer, by that same token,—"Set my hors up to the rack, and then lets have a Cup of sak. He knoes the token well ynough, and will laugh, I hold ye a grote. Too *Master Thorogood*: and to my mery cumpanion (a Mercer ye wot az we be) *Master Denman*, Mio fratello in Christo: He iz woont too summon me by the Name of *Ro. La. of the Coounty Nofingham Gentle-*

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man:

man: A good Companion I feyth. Well,
 Onez again fare ye hartely well. From the
 Coourt. At the Citee of *Worceter*, the XX of
August 1575.

Yor Countreeman, Companion, & freend
 assuredly: Mercer, Merchant aventurer, and
 Clark of the Councel Chamber door, and al-
 so keeper of the fame:

El Prencipe Negro. par me R. L. Gent.
 Mercer,

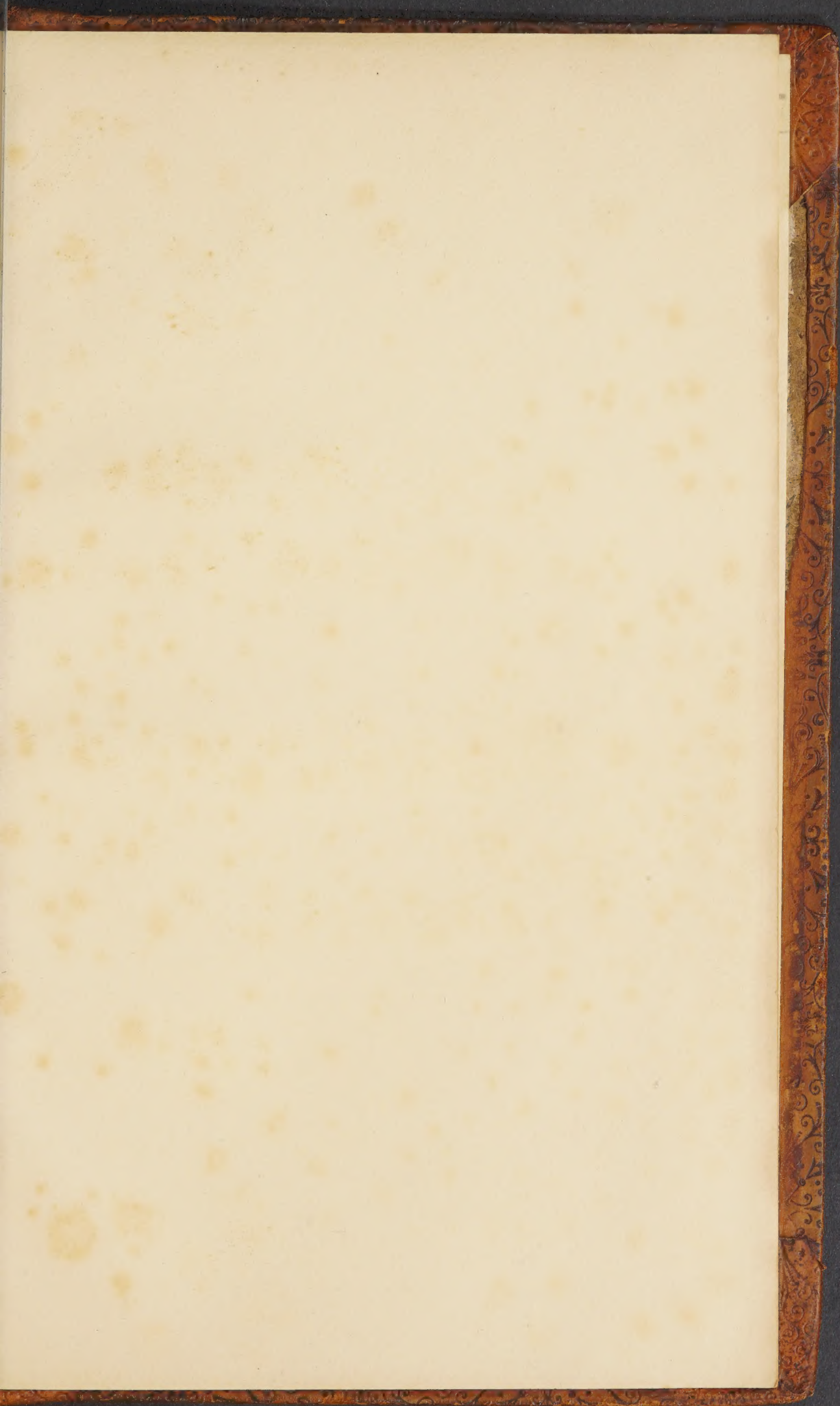
De Majestate Regia benigna.

Cedant Arma togæ, Concedat laurea linguæ,
 Jactanter Cicero at justius illud habe:

Cedant Arma togæ, Vigil & toga cedat honori
 Omnia Concedant Imperioque suo.

Deo Opt. Max. Gratiæ.

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